

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: Minimal fiscal impact, no statement issued

Action: Do Pass

Vote: 8 - 0 - 0

Yeas: Conger, Doherty, Esquivel, Hoyle, Johnson, Matthews, Kennemer, Schaufler

Nays: 0

Exc.: 0

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Meeting Dates: 2/2, 2/11

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Requires an applicant for an initial landscape contracting business license to have the owner or managing employee trained and examined on subjects of landscape contracting business practices and related Oregon laws as required by the Landscape Contractors Board's administrative rules.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Provisions of the measure

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: No amendment.

BACKGROUND: Currently, a landscape construction professional is allowed to automatically own or be the managing employee of a landscape contracting business. However, not every landscape professional wishes to own or manage a landscape contracting business, and current statutes regarding passing the laws, rules, and business practice section of the exam to become a landscape construction professional limits the ability of such individuals to pass this section, obtain a license, and work as an employee of a landscape contracting business.

House Bill 2158 allows such applicants for a landscape construction professional license to pass exams on technical subjects only with a minimal law requirement so how to maintain the license is understood. If the licensee desires to own or manage a landscape contracting business in the future, they would then be required to take a board-approved course and pass the laws, rules, and business practice section of the licensure exam.

House Bill 2158 also allows the Landscape Contractors Board to potentially accept other forms of examinations that are administered by others and different than just the board-administered written examination, for demonstrating minimum competency in the technical functions required for the landscape construction professional license.