

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: Minimal fiscal impact, no statement issued

Action: Do Pass as Amended and Be Printed Engrossed

Vote: 6 - 0 - 0

Yeas: Atkinson, Burdick, Edwards, Girod, Starr, Beyer

Nays: 0

Exc.: 0

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Meeting Dates: 3/1, 3/10

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Exempts persons performing work for purposes of agricultural drainage, trenching irrigation, or fencing from requirement to be licensed as construction contractor. Exempts person performing work on forestlands for which notice of operation has been filed from licensure as construction contractor. Declares emergency; effective on passage.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Agricultural trenching and fencing work does not create habitable structures.
- Federal forest land already exempt from licensure requirements
- Most agricultural and forestland work occurs during spring and summer months.

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: Exempts persons who construct agricultural fences from licensure as construction contractor. Adds emergency clause.

BACKGROUND: Current statute exempts several groups relating to the construction business from licensure requirements administered by the Construction Contracting Board. These groups include, but are not limited to, those doing work on personal property, material suppliers, and those licensed by other groups such as architects and engineers. According to the Construction Contractor's Board persons providing agricultural drainage, agricultural trenching, agricultural irrigation or agricultural fencing are currently required to obtain a contractor's license.