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To: Chair Jessica Vega Pederson
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House Committee on Energy and Environment

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Subject: **HB 2447-3**

Dear Representative Vega Pederson:

The –3 amendment for HB 2447 would require all contactors installing Residential Energy Tax Credit (RETC) eligible devices to be licensed under the Electric Safety Law, ORS 479.510 to 479.945.

In general, the –3 amendment is already required by RETC program rules. By rule, RETC requires that installation of all tax credit eligible devices must comply with state, federal and local laws and rules, OAR 330-070-0040(1). Also by rule solar water heating, geothermal and photovoltaic systems must be installed by a tax-credit technician, OAR 330-070-0026(2). RETC tax-credit technicians are required to be employed by a company with a Construction Contractors Board (CCB) license, OAR 330-070-0026(3)(c). RETC staff randomly check the provided license numbers through an online CCB database.

Homeowner installed RETC solar water heating, geothermal and photovoltaic systems do not have to be installed by a tax-credit technician, but have to be inspected by one. OAR 330-070-0026(9). The Electric Safety Law, ORS 479.540 also provides exemptions for homeowner installed systems.

If the amendment were added, all RETC applications would need to ask for the installing contractor's license number. This would require additional staff time to update the applications and collect this information.

Please contact Robin Freeman if you have additional questions.
