FULL COMMITTEE PONY

HB 3304

Relating to licenses issued by the State Landscape Contractors Board

HB 3304 requires the Landscape Contractors Board to design and offer, as an alternative to a written exam, a practical skills test for persons applying for a landscape construction professional license. The bill also requires the Board to offer the option of practical skills tests, and written exams in Spanish. The bill requires the Board to offer or approve a class on landscape contracting business practices. The Board is directed to report to the Legislature by September 15, 2016 regarding the implementation of these options.

The bill allows the Board to establish fees for applicants to offset the full cost of administering the exam and classes. The Board will explore ways to offer these new test and class options with existing study resources and translation efforts, and work with stakeholders to determine a fair and reasonable fee to offset the costs.

The Subcommittee on Transportation and Economic Development recommends HB 3304 be amended by the -A7 amendment and be reported out do pass as amended.