

**PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO
HOUSE BILL 3304**

1 On page 1 of the printed bill, line 2, after “Board” delete the rest of the
2 line and line 3 and insert “; and declaring an emergency.”.

3 Delete lines 5 through 31 and delete pages 2 and 3 and insert:

4 **“SECTION 1. (1) The State Landscape Contractors Board shall es-**
5 **tablish a practical skills test for persons applying for a landscape**
6 **construction professional license under ORS 671.570. The board shall**
7 **allow a person applying under ORS 671.570 the option of satisfying the**
8 **examination requirement under ORS 671.570 (1)(d) either by passing a**
9 **written examination approved by the board or by passing the practical**
10 **skills test and attending the business practices class described in this**
11 **section.**

12 **“(2) The board shall offer practical skills testing with the same**
13 **frequency that the board offers written examinations for purposes of**
14 **ORS 671.570 (1)(d). The board shall design the practical skills test to**
15 **determine whether the applicant has the ability to perform the tasks**
16 **most commonly required of a landscape construction professional in**
17 **a manner meeting or exceeding industry standards. The board shall**
18 **design the test to allow successful completion by a competent appli-**
19 **cant within no more than four hours and shall allow applicants at**
20 **least five hours to complete the test. The board may not test the**
21 **ability of an applicant to make an installation described in ORS 671.520**
22 **(1)(e).**

1 **“(3) The board shall supply a site for practical skills testing that**
2 **has adequate lighting and is free from snow, freezing temperatures,**
3 **high winds and heavy rainfall. The practical skills test must be con-**
4 **ducted within a six-hour period on a single day.**

5 **“(4) The board shall evaluate task performance during a practical**
6 **skills test by use of a standardized scoring checklist. If the evaluator**
7 **determines that an item on the checklist was not performed in a**
8 **manner meeting or exceeding industry standards, the board shall pro-**
9 **vide written comments explaining in detail why the performance was**
10 **unsatisfactory. The board shall establish the minimum score for pas-**
11 **sage of a practical skills test to be 70 percent of the maximum possible**
12 **score. If an applicant does not pass a practical skills test, the board**
13 **shall allow the applicant to review the checklist and written com-**
14 **ments.**

15 **“(5) The board shall offer or approve a one-hour class on landscape**
16 **contracting business practices. The class shall be offered to applicants**
17 **who have successfully completed the practical skills test and be con-**
18 **ducted on the same day as the practical skills test. The board may not**
19 **test applicants on the class content. An applicant who passes the**
20 **practical skills test and attends the business practices class satisfies**
21 **the examination requirement established in ORS 671.570 (1)(d).**

22 **“SECTION 2. The State Landscape Contractors Board shall make**
23 **practical skills testing and business practices classes available under**
24 **section 1 of this 2015 Act no later than January 1, 2016.**

25 **“SECTION 3. The State Landscape Contractors Board shall report**
26 **to the Seventy-eighth Legislative Assembly in the manner provided in**
27 **ORS 192.245 no later than September 15, 2016, regarding the imple-**
28 **mentation of the practical skills test and business practices class re-**
29 **quired under section 1 of this 2015 Act. The report must include, but**
30 **need not be limited to, information regarding the content of the**

1 practical skills test, the date that the board first offered practical
2 skills testing, the number and percentage of applicants for licensing
3 as landscape construction professionals taking the practical skills test,
4 the number and percentage of applicants passing the practical skills
5 test and the number and percentage of applicants passing a written
6 licensing examination.

7 **“SECTION 4. This 2015 Act being necessary for the immediate**
8 **preservation of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is**
9 **declared to exist, and this 2015 Act takes effect on its passage.”.**

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