

SB 474 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Senate Committee On Business and Transportation

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Meeting Dates: 3/6

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Eliminates continuing education requirements for landscape construction professionals.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

The Landscape Contractors Board (LCB), established in 1972, is the state's licensing and regulatory entity for landscape contracting businesses and professionals. Persons wishing to perform landscape work for pay in Oregon must meet experience and education requirements and pass a competency examination. The Board also receives and investigates consumer complaints and enforces compliance with state law. Individuals are licensed as landscape construction professionals; there are currently approximately 1,350 licensed landscape construction professionals in Oregon.

In order to renew their license, a landscape construction professional must complete continuing education requirements; those who have been licensed for at least six years must report eight hours of continuing education for every two-year licensure cycle, while those with less than six years experience must complete 16 hours of continuing education. LCB maintains a list of approved courses and continuing education providers.