

SB 25 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Senate Committee On Business and Transportation

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Sub-Referral To: Joint Committee On Ways and Means

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Revises the continuing education requirement for residential contractors licensed by the Construction Contractors Board. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

NOTE: MEASURE HAS A SUBSEQUENT REFERRAL TO JOINT WAYS AND MEANS

(LFO HAS REQUESTED THAT THE SUBSEQUENT REFERRAL BE RESCINDED)

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

The Construction Contractors Board (CCB) is the state's licensing and regulatory agency for residential and commercial construction contractors, subcontractors and home inspectors. The Board investigates and adjudicates complaints filed against licensees and assesses sanctions where applicable, and provides education and testing on construction laws and business practices.

The Legislative Assembly instituted the requirement for continuing education for all contractors with the passage of House Bill 2564 (2007); a second measure that session, House Bill 3242, created separate continuing education programs for residential and commercial contractors. These requirements took effect in 2010 and 2011, respectively.

Senate Bill 25 enacts statutory changes to complement changes made by administrative rule in 2016 to continuing education requirements for residential contractors. The measure provides increased flexibility to contractors to choose from a variety of courses, allows CCB to offer continuing education at no additional cost to contractors, and eliminates fees assessed against entities providing continuing education coursework to contractors.