

SB 983 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Carrier: Sen. Thomsen

Senate Committee On Business and Transportation

Action Date: 04/10/17
Action: Do pass.
Vote: 5-0-0-0
Yeas: 5 - Beyer, Girod, Monroe, Riley, Thomsen
Fiscal: No fiscal impact
Revenue: No revenue impact
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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Eliminates the limited maintenance electrician's license category. Eliminates license requirement for making electrical installations or repairs on recreational vehicles as defined in Electrical and Elevator Board Rule. Eliminates license requirement for making plumbing installations and repairs on recreational vehicles as defined in State Plumbing Board rule.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Difference between park model homes, tiny houses and recreational vehicles
- Applicability of building codes to different types of structures
- Need for living spaces for displaced and homeless persons
- Necessary qualifications and certifications to perform work on different structures

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

The Building Codes Division of the Oregon Department of Consumer and Business Services is the state entity responsible for licensing individuals and businesses for electrical, plumbing, boiler, elevator and manufactured dwelling work. Oregon has reciprocal licensing agreements with other states for certain fields. Individuals and businesses performing work in these areas for compensation are required to be licensed, with some exceptions; each field has multiple license types, with some being specialty or limited licenses. One of these license types, the "limited maintenance electrician's license," allows the licensee to repair and maintain electrical wiring and equipment used in manufactured structures, which includes recreational vehicles , manufactured dwellings and recreational structures.