

SB 983 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Carrier: Rep. Barreto

House Committee On Business and Labor

Action Date: 05/22/17

Action: Do Pass.

Vote: 8-0-1-0

Yeas: 8 - Barreto, Bynum, Doherty, Fahey, Hack, Heard, Holvey, Kennemer

Exc: 1 - Evans

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 rules adopted by Electrical and Elevator Board. Eliminates license requirement for making plumbing installations and repairs on recreational vehicles as defined in rules adopted by Plumbing Board.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Risk of losing recreational vehicle (RV) manufacturing if law is not changed
- Comparison of manufacturing RVs and "tiny homes"
- Relevant boards will define scope
- Public involvement in rulemaking process
- Reason for eliminating limited maintenance electrician license

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. Currently no one in Oregon holds this type of license.

Senate Bill 983 eliminates the limited maintenance electrician's license and specifies that electrical and plumbing installations in recreational vehicles do not need to be performed by licensed electricians or plumbers.