

**Position on 2019 Legislation:
SB 935 Opposition**



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The Southern Oregon Landscape Association (SOLA) was formed with the purposes of addressing common concerns of its membership, increasing public awareness of the value of professional landscaping and horticultural services, providing members the opportunity to increase their knowledge, benefit through cooperative business efforts, and meet fellow members of the industry.

Within our SOLA membership, there are many who hold both their Landscape Contractor (tested) License (LCB) and Construction Contractors license (CCB). SOLA believes that a CCB contractor should not be allowed a Modified (untested) Landscape license.

SOLA disagrees with allowing the untested Modified Landscape contractor to provide any amount of sprinkler irrigation design and installation. Within SOLA are landscape contractors who started out doing landscape maintenance, trained and took their test to get where they are today. Others worked for licensed landscape contractors before passing their testing to become licensed professionals. By allowing the untested Modified Landscape contractor to do more shows no regard for those who have worked hard to get where they are today.

Landscape irrigation is a science that uses one of our most precious natural resources, water, one that must not be wasted. The State of Oregon should not allow an untested professional a license that validates knowledge to an unsuspecting public consumer.

Therefore, SOLA urges the Senate Committee on Business and General Government to reject SB 935 as written.


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