



## **Statement in Support of SB 94-A**

The Oregon Landscape Contractors Association (OLCA) supports SB 94-A which would allow the Landscape Contractors Board (LCB) to provide the practical skills licensure examination electronically as well as the current hands-on exam.

OLCA has historically endorsed the basic licensure, qualification and examination requirements for landscape contractors to ensure some level of minimum competency, professional standards and consumer protection. The association supported the Modified Limited License legislation several years ago as it provides a licensure program for a broader base of individuals interested in landscape work and a regulatory process for consumer protection related to this work.

However, the hands-on examination has been discontinued by the national examination owners and replaced by an electronic version. The new format continues to test on knowledge and practical skills and is available in English and Spanish.

As amended in the Senate, the bill clarifies that the addition of the electronic practical skills examination format would not preclude the hands-on option that would continue to be allowed.

***OLCA supports the passage of SB 94-A.***