

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

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Currently, electrical apprentice registrations last five (5) years. In-state journeyman electrician applicants must attend four (4) years of school and work eight thousand (8,000) hours on the job. Out-of-state journeyman electrician applicants must attend four (4) years of school and work eight thousand (8,000) hours on the job or work sixteen thousand (16,000) hours on the job. Apprentice and limited electrical installer trainee registrations that have expired may not be revived. Filing of and online access to employment verification forms is only required for apprentices. The Idaho Electrical Board (Board) and the electrical industry in Idaho have determined that these requirements have been difficult for the Division of Building Safety (Division) to enforce and for many in the trade to achieve, thus creating barriers to entering and remaining in the trade. Accordingly, the Board and electrical industry are in favor of changing the length of apprentice registrations, making requirements for in-state and out-of-state applicants to take the electrical journeyman's examination similar, requiring filing of and online access to employment verification forms for all licensees and registrants, and allowing the administrator of the Division to revive expired apprentice and limited electrical installer trainee registrations. This legislative proposal changes the length of apprentice registrations from five (5) years to one (1) year, allows in-state and out-of-state applicants to take the electrical journeyman's examination after working sixteen thousand (16,000) hours on the job, requires filing of and online access to employment verification forms for all licensees and registrants, and allows the administrator to revive expired apprentice and limited electrical installer trainee registrations. This legislative proposal also gives the administrator of the Division authority to enter into reciprocal agreements with states that require electrician qualifications at least equal to those contained in chapter 10, title 54, Idaho Code.

FISCAL NOTE

There is no fiscal impact, positive or negative, to any state funds, including the state General Fund and the Electrical Board fund. This legislative proposal will change administrative processes associated with electrical licensing and registration but will not change the costs of such processes or otherwise affect any state funds.

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