

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

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Currently, electrical apprentice registrations last five (5) years. During this time, an apprentice must attend four (4) years of school and work eight thousand (8,000) hours on the job. At the end of the five (5)-year registration period, an apprentice must pass the journeyman's examination or renew his registration to remain in the trade. An electrical apprentice may not renew a registration unless the apprentice can demonstrate completion of at least two (2) years of school and four thousand (4,000) hours of work experience or extenuating circumstances that prevented him from achieving those requirements. 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 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 an electrical installer category of licensure for apprentices who wish to remain in the trade without becoming journeymen or remaining apprentices. This legislative proposal will provide for an electrical installer category of licensure.

FISCAL NOTE

There is no fiscal impact, positive or negative, to any state funds, including the state General Fund and the Electrical Board fund. There will be a positive fiscal impact to electrical contractors employing electrical installers and electrical apprentices eligible to become electrical installers.

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