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provisions of electrical code; adjusts the fees the board can charge for training, examinations, license, and inspections, with the maximum fee set in statute. The fee changes are listed. The bill also removes obsolete license classifications, including a class A electrical contractor, class A journeyman electrician, and special electrician fire alarm. These licenses are no longer granted, and have not been in existence since 1993. So that's old language. It should be taken out. LB 26 updates the state code with amendments, like I bring every year to the board to be adopted to go along with the National Protection Association. That's almost a given. Members, the State Electrical Board has lived within its means since 1987, and they're still trying to live within their means. They can't do it. Proceeds from the modest fees have adequately funded the operation of the State Electrical Board until now. Flat manufacturing and commercial buildings... I won't go and read all that, because you already know it anyhow. The cash flow summary shows how quickly the revenue has dropped. And I guess we all know this too. It just doesn't... what was a dollar in 1987 is not a dollar now, spending powers. And if you want to go ahead and drop inspectors, that's fine too. You know, we have 15 across the state. Is 15 enough? If we don't get the work done now, they have to... somebody told me this morning, it takes... it may take three or four days before it can get out there. Well, 15 inspectors across the whole state, that's hardly enough. If we don't get this raised, we'll have to drop them down. As we know, the seven-member board, appointed by the Governor, it doesn't change any of that. I might... if you want me to, I may go through what it does do. It changes the sessions of continuing education from \$25 to \$40. Examinations, electrical contractor, \$62.50 to \$125. Journeyman, \$12.50 to \$60. Fire alarm installers, \$12.50 to \$60. License for each year, in a two-year period: journeyman, \$15 to \$25; fire alarms, from \$15 to \$25; special installers, \$15 to \$25; contractors, class... electrical contractors, A master... class B master existing license renewal, \$75 to \$125. Permits: minimum fee \$10, minimum fee, goes to \$25. I mean, you can't even take your automobile into a shop and get it looked at for less than \$75 or \$100. And here we're only charging... but they want to make it modest again. Services: temporaries goes from \$12.50 to \$25; 100 amp. I won't even go through all the amperages. They go