

ONE HUNDRED EIGHTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION - 2023
COMMITTEE STATEMENT
LB716

Hearing Date: Monday March 06, 2023
Committee On: General Affairs
Introducer: Cavanaugh, J.
One Liner: Change provisions relating to licensure, registration, and state inspection fees under the State Electrical Act

Roll Call Vote - Final Committee Action:
Advanced to General File with amendment(s)

Vote Results:
Aye: 7 Senators Brewer, Cavanaugh, J., Day, Hardin, Holdcroft, Hughes, Lowe
Nay:
Absent: 1 Senator Raybould
Present Not Voting:

Testimony:

Proponents:
John Cavanaugh
Craig Thelen
Jon Nebel

Representing:
Introducer
Director, State Electrical Division
State Council of Electrical Workers

Opponents:

Representing:

Neutral:

Representing:

* ADA Accommodation Written Testimony

Summary of purpose and/or changes:

Bill Summary: LB 716 is a bill that proposes to remove the different examination and license fees administered by the State Electrical Board from statute, along with fees for inspections, and provides new language to allow these fees to be set by the Board. New language also requires the Board to file an annual report with the Attorney General and the Legislative Fiscal Analyst stating the amount of each fee set by the Board.

Section 1: amends section 81-2118 by adding new language requiring the board to set reasonable fees for examination, issuance, and renewal of licenses and registrations issued by the board, in amounts necessary to cover the costs incurred by the State Electrical Division and the board in administering and carrying out their duties, in a manner that unnecessary surpluses are avoided.

Additional language requires the board to file an annual report with the attorney general and the legislative fiscal analyst stating the amount of the fees set by the board, and the report must be submitted on or before July 1 of each year. The report is required to be submitted electronically.

The current fees that are in statute are stricken throughout the remainder of this section.

Section 2: amends section 81-2135 by requiring the board to set reasonable fees for state electrical inspections with all the same additional requirements discussed in the above section.

Current fee amounts are then stricken from the remaining subsections currently in statute.

Section 3: this is the repealer section.

Explanation of amendments:

AM 217 amends section 1 by adding new language requiring the board to have a unanimous vote before changing the fees for examination, issuance, and renewal of licenses and registrations as provided for in this section.

M 217 also adds new language to section 2 of the bill requiring the board to have a unanimous vote prior to changing fees for state electrical inspections as provided for in this section.

John Lowe, Chairperson