

ONE HUNDRED FOURTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION - 2015
COMMITTEE STATEMENT
LB179

Hearing Date: Monday January 26, 2015
Committee On: General Affairs
Introducer: Brasch
One Liner: Require apprentice electricians to complete continuing education

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

Vote Results:

Aye:	7	Senators Hansen, Hughes, Kolterman, Krist, Larson, Riepe, Schilz
Nay:		
Absent:		
Present Not Voting:	1	Senator Coash

Verbal Testimony:

Proponents:

Senator Lydia Brasch
Randy Anderson
Robert Morris
Roy Lamb II

Rodney Vlcek

Representing:

Introducer
State Electrical Board
Nebraska Iowa Electrical Council
Lincoln Electrical Joint Apprenticeship Training
Committee
Nebraska State AFL-CIO

Opponents:

Representing:

Neutral:

Representing:

Summary of purpose and/or changes:

Under current law, Section 81-2113 allows an individual to register with the State Electrical Board and pay a fee to work as an apprentice electrician. LB 179 would allow an apprentice electrician to renew his or her registration after presenting documentation of successful completion of the requisite number of continuing education hours. If the applicant does not satisfy this requirement of renewal, then the State Electrical Board shall assess up to a 6-month reduction of required experience that is necessary in order to take the examination to be licensed under the State Electrical Act.

Possible Committee Amendment - Following the bill's introduction, it was brought to my attention by Senator Brasch's office that the Senator would be suggesting a Committee Amendment to address an issue with the language on page 4, line 3. Rather than reading

"assess up to a six-month reduction . . .", it should read "assess up to a six-month increase . . ." since failure to provide documentation that the applicant completed the continuing education requirements should result in an increase in the required experience and not a reduction.

Explanation of amendments:

The amendment strikes the word "reduction" and inserts the word "increase" on page 4, line 3.

Tyson Larson, Chairperson