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Sponsor(s): Senators Fairley and Oke; by request of Department of Labor & Industries

Brief Description: Regulating telecommunications contractors and installations.

SB 6231 - DIGEST

<u>(SUBSTITUTED FOR - SEE 1ST SUB)</u>

Provides that it is unlawful for any person, firm, partnership, corporation, or other entity to advertise, offer to do work, submit a bid, engage in, conduct, or carry on the business of installing or maintaining telecommunications systems without having a telecommunications contractor license.

Creates a telecommunications board, consisting of eight members to be appointed by the governor with the advice of the director.

Declares that it is the purpose and function of the board to advise the director on all matters pertaining to the enforcement of this act including, but not limited to, standards of installation, minimum inspection procedures, and the adoption of rules pertaining to this act.

Declares that it is unlawful for any person, firm, partnership, corporation, or other entity to install or maintain any telecommunications cabling and associated hardware in violation of this act.

Declares that any person, firm, partnership, corporation, or other entity violating any of the provisions of this act may be assessed a penalty of not less than one hundred dollars or more than ten thousand dollars per violation.

Declares that the department has the power, in case of serious noncompliance with this chapter, to revoke or suspend for such a period as it determines, any contractor license or administrator certificate issued under this act.

Provides that, at the time of licensing and subsequent relicensing, the applicant shall furnish insurance or financial responsibility in the form of an assigned account in the amount of twenty thousand dollars for injury or damages to property, fifty thousand dollars for injury or damage including death to any one person, and one hundred thousand dollars for injury or damage including death to more than one person, or financial responsibility to satisfy these amounts.