

# FINAL BILL REPORT

## SSB 5434

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Synopsis as Enacted

**Brief Description:** Concerning electricians.

**Sponsors:** Senate Committee on Commerce & Trade (originally sponsored by Senator Swecker).

**Senate Committee on Commerce & Trade**  
**House Committee on Commerce & Labor**

**Background:** The Department of Labor and Industries regulates the electrical profession at both the business level and the individual level: electrical contractors are licensed and individuals are certified. Current department policy requires both licensing and certification for volunteer electrical work at nonprofit corporations.

**Summary:** Certified electricians, and properly supervised electrical trainees, who perform volunteer electrical work for nonprofit corporations are not required to be licensed as electrical contractors. Compensation must not be received for the work. In order to qualify for this exemption, nonprofits must have tax-exempt status with the Internal Revenue Service, or must be nonprofit religious organizations. The size of projects is limited to a maximum value of \$30,000 per project.

**Votes on Final Passage:**

Senate	48	0	
House	97	0	(House amended)
Senate	48	0	(Senate concurred)

**Effective:** July 27, 2003