

SENATE BILL REPORT

SB 6728

As of January 24, 2010

Title: An act relating to classroom training for electrical trainees.

Brief Description: Concerning classroom training for electrical trainees.

Sponsors: Senators Gordon, Kohl-Welles, Keiser, Murray and Fraser.

Brief History:

Committee Activity: Labor, Commerce & Consumer Protection: 1/25/10.

SENATE COMMITTEE ON LABOR, COMMERCE & CONSUMER PROTECTION

Staff: Mac Nicholson (786-7445)

Background: Individuals seeking to engage in the electrical construction trade must have a valid journeyman electrician certificate or specialty certificate issued by the Department of Labor and Industries. Apprentices and electrical trainees may work in the electrical construction trade under a valid electrical training certificate if supervised by a licensed electrician. A training certificate is valid for two years, and an individual seeking to renew his or her certificate must complete 16 hours of approved classroom electrical continuing education courses or the equivalent electrical training courses taken as part of an approved apprenticeship or training program.

Summary of Bill: The number of classroom hours of instruction necessary to renew a training certificate is increased from 16 hours to 48 hours. The requirement for approved classroom electrical continuing education courses is replaced with a requirement for approved classroom training.

Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Not requested.

Committee/Commission/Task Force Created: No.

Effective Date: The bill takes effect on July 1, 2011.

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