

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE

May 1, 1997 Hearing Room 357

8:00 A.M. Tapes 30 - 31

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Rep. Eldon Johnson, Chair

Rep. Cynthia Wooten, Vice-Chair

Rep. Ron Adams

Rep. Roger Beyer

Rep. Richard Devlin

Rep. Jim Hill

Rep. Bob Montgomery

Rep. Jackie Taylor

Rep. Tom Whelan

MEMBER EXCUSED:

STAFF PRESENT:

Keith Putman, Administrator

Timaree Whitty, Administrative Support

MEASURE/ISSUES HEARD:

SB 594 Work Session

HB 2347 Work Session

HB 2827 Work Session

HB 3046 Work Session

These minutes are in compliance with Senate and House Rules. Only text enclosed in quotation marks reports a speaker's exact words. For complete contents, please refer to the tapes.

Tape/#	Speaker	Comments
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Tape 30, A		
002	Chair Johnson	Opens meeting at 8:06 a.m. Opens work session on SB 594.
<u>SB 594</u> <u>WORK</u> <u>SESSION</u>		
006	Rep. Montgomery	Reviews provisions of the bill.
014	Rep. Montgomery	MOTION: Moves SB 594 to the floor with a DO PASS recommendation.
		VOTE: 6-0 AYE: In a roll call vote, all members present vote Aye. EXCUSED: 3 - Devlin, Whelan, Wooten
	Chair Johnson	The motion CARRIES. REP. MONTGOMERY will lead discussion on the floor.
027	Chair Johnson	Closes work session on SB 594. Opens work session on HB 2347.
<u>HB 2347</u> <u>WORK</u> <u>SESSION</u>		
029	Rep. Beyer	Reviews provisions of the bill
040	Rep. Beyer	MOTION: Moves HB 2347 to the floor with a DO PASS AS AMENDED recommendation.
041	Rep. Adams	Asks why the Landscape Contractors Association is sponsoring a bill that would take business away from them by allowing cities and counties landscaping privileges.
043	Rep. Beyer	Responds the inclusion of cities and counties is one of the things the committee implemented. Comments this is a bill that defines who a landscape contractor is and sets a limit that a building contractor can only do a certain amount of work on new construction before they would need a landscape contractor's license.
055	Rep. Adams	Asks if you simply register to become a landscape contractor or is there a certification process
057	Rep. Beyer	Responds there is a testing requirement to become a landscape contractor.
065	Rep. Adams	Asks where the cutoff is.
067	Rep. Beyer	

		Responds in line 8 of the -5 amendments it proposes an increase from the current \$500 cutoff amount to \$2,500 for a landscape licensing requirement.
078	Rep. Hill	Asks where a residential property owner falls in this category.
082	Rep. Beyer	Responds a homeowner is allowed to do as much work as they wish on their own property, but if they hire someone they must be licensed. If someone is hired to do more than \$500 worth of new construction they are required to be licensed.
091	Rep. Hill	Asks if the \$500 includes labor costs as well as plants and everything.
099	Rep. Beyer	Responds he believes it covers total project costs.
111	Rep. Adams	Asks if there is any enforceability here.
113	Rep. Beyer	Responds a bill is soon to be passed granting the Landscape Contractors Board red tag authority to stop work immediately on nonlicensed landscape projects.
134	Rep. Hill	Comments he can't support this bill.
	Rep. Adams	VOTE: 7-2 AYE: 7 - Adams, Beyer, Devlin, Montgomery, Taylor, Whelan, Wooten NAY: 2 - Hill, Johnson
	Chair Johnson	The motion CARRIES. REP. SNODGRASS will lead discussion on the floor.
154	Chair Johnson	Closes work session on HB 2347. Opens work session on HB 2827.
<u>HB 2827</u> <u>WORK</u> <u>SESSION</u>		
155	Rep. Devlin	Reviews provisions of the bill.
178	Rep. Beyer	MOTION: Moves HB 2827 to the floor with a DO PASS recommendation.
		VOTE: 9-0 AYE: In a roll call vote, all members present vote Aye.
	Chair Johnson	The motion CARRIES. REP. DEVLIN will lead discussion on the floor.
188	Chair Johnson	Closes work session on HB 2827. Opens work session on HB 3046.

HB 3046 WORK SESSION		
192	Rep. Hill	Reviews provisions of the bill.
267	Rep. Beyer	Asks if these electronic signatures will become a force of law just like signature on paper.
270	Rep. Hill	Responds affirmatively.
271	Rep. Beyer	Asks how these electronic signatures can be protected on the internet.
279	Rep. Hill	Responds the mathematical code is very much like a pin number and only through the signature holder's negligence with their sequence number code could the signature be stolen.
305	Rep. Adams	Comments there would be a certifying authority verifying the authenticity of the signatures through use of an additional computer certification process of acceptance.
355	Rep. Hill	Comments he must declare a potential conflict of interest because he is employed by an internet service.
397	Rep. Adams	MOTION: Moves HB 3046 to the floor with a DO PASS AS AMENDED recommendation.
		VOTE: 8-1 AYE: 8 - Adams, Devlin, Hill, Montgomery, Taylor, Whelan, Wooten, Johnson NAY: 1 - Beyer
	Chair Johnson	The motion CARRIES. REP. HILL
Tape 31, A		
000	Chair Johnson	Closes work session on HB 3046. Comments on upcoming schedule.
048	Keith Putman	Comments the full committee will meet Tuesday, May 13th at 5:00 p.m. to hear SB 125.
064	Chair Johnson	Adjourns meeting at 8:40 a.m.

Submitted By, Reviewed By,

Timaree Whitty, Keith Putman,

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