

SENATE COMMITTEE ON LABOR AND GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS

February 3, 1993 Hearing Room B 9:00 a.m. Tapes 13 -14 MEMBERS

PRESENT: Senator Tricia Smith, Chair Senator Grattan Kerans, Vice
Chair Senator Brady Adams Senator Wes Cooley Senator Peg Jolin STAFF

PRESENT: Joan Van Almen, Committee Counsel Stephanie Holmes,
Committee Research Joan Green, Committee Assistant MEASURES HEARD: SB
31, Relating to plumbing products, PH SB 32, Relating to plumbing, PH SB
33, Relating to certification of electrical products, PH

WITNESSES: Gary Wicks, Administrator, Building Codes Agency Greg
Teeple, International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, Local 48 Junior
Owens, Chief Electrical Inspector, Building Codes Agency John Gervais,
National Electrical Contractors Association Gary Wright, Plumbers and
Pipefitters Local 290 / Gerald McKee, Oregon Building Officials
Association / Terry Swisher, Chief Plumbing Inspector, Buildings Code
Agency ~ / Richard R. Pooley, Plumbing Board

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proceedings, please refer to the tapes. TAPE 1. SII)E A ~

006 Chair Smith: Meeting called to order at 9:11 a.m.

PUBLIC HEARING SB 31- RELATING TO PLUMBING PRODUCTS

012 GARY WICKS, ADMINISTRATOR, BUILDING CODES AGENCY: Speaks in
support of the bill, Exhibit A. 078 Chair Smith: What is the proposed
make-up of the Plumbing Board and appointing authority under the
reorganization bill? ~. 079 Wicks: Responds. 093 Chair Smith:
Could you speak to how the reorganized Board, which is appointed by the

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Administrator, would interrelate with the Administrator, and assure that
we are will get a quality product.

104 Wicks: Responds. 160 Sen. Adams: Speaks to the necessity for
checks and balances and expresses his concerns. 169 Stephanie Holmes,
Researcher: Requests clarification of § 3, In. 11. 182 Wicks:
Responds. 200 Sen. Cooley: Suggests that "cost of installation" be
included in the bill to protect the purchaser and add teeth.
223 Wicks: Responds. 317 GERALD MCKEE, OREGON BUILDING OFFICIALS
ASSOCIATION: Speaks in support of the bill. Does not wish to speculate
on the impact. Speaks to Sen. Cooley's concerns. 399 GARY WRIGHT,
PLUMBERS AND PIPEFITTERS LOCAL 290: Speaks in support of the bill,
Exhibit B. 432 Chair Smith: How would a purchaser know?
435 Wright: Responds.

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018 MCKEE: Continues with response. 046 RICHARD R. POOLEY,
PLUMBING BOARD: Speaks in support of the bill and the proposed
amendment, Exhibit B. 080 Chair Smith: If the Board approves a
laboratory, is it for a finite period of time? 086 Wicks: Responds.
098 Sen. Kerans: How will you test? 109 JUNIOR OWENS, CHIEF
ELECTRICAL INSPECTOR, BUILDING CODES AGENCY: Responds. 120 Sen.

Kerans: What access will you have to feedback based on the marketplace?
123 Owens: Responds. 130 Sen. Kerans: Are the visits to the
laboratory announced? Senate Labor and Government Operations February 3,
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133 Owens: Yes.

SB 32 - RELATING TO PLUMBING 143GARY WICKS, ADMINISTRATOR, BUILDING
CODES AGENCY: Speaks in support of the bill, Exhibit C. 172 Sen.
Cooley: What is the fee charge now? 181 TERRY SWISHER, CHIEF PLUMBING
INSPECTOR, BUILDINGS CODE AGENCY: Responds. 202 Sen. Kerans: In how
many places does the Agency have the authority to do that in the
counties? 207 Wicks: Responds. 210 Sen. Kerans: Basically the
rural areas and the rural parts of the metropolitan areas? 211 Wicks:
Yes. 217Sen. Cooley: How do your inspection fees vary from Portland?
221 Swisher: Responds. 233 Chair Smith: What was the reason for
requiring the registration originally? 241 Swisher: Responds.
252 Sen. Cooley: You currently have the ability to set the plumbing
inspection fees? 261 Wicks: Responds. 268 Sen. Cooley: This would
clarify something you are already doing? 271 Wicks: Correct.
276 GERALD MCKEE, OREGON BUILDING OFFICIALS ASSOCIATION: Speaks in
support of the bill. 325GARY WRIGHT, PLUMBERS AND PIP ,FI1~ERS LOCAL
290: Speaks in support of the bill, with limited reservations.

SB 33 - RELATING CERTIFICATION OF ELECTRICAL PRODUCTS

348 GARY WICKS, ADMINISTRATOR, BUILDING CODES AGENCY: Speaks in support
of the bill, Exhibit D.

417 Chair Smith: How much cheaper will this be for the manufacturers?

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429 Wicks: Responds.

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023 Chair Smith: Do you use your own employees for these inspections?
025 Wicks: Yes. 027 Chair Smith: What would your people do if they
did not do this? You indicate no fiscal impact. 033 Wicks: Responds.
038 GERALD MCKEE, OREGON BUILDING OFFICIALS ASSOCIATION: Speaks in
support of the bill. 046JOHN GERVAIS, NATIONAL ELECTRICAL
CONTRACTORS ASSOCIATION: Expresses concern regarding the new language on
ln. 15. 060 Wicks: Responds. 069 Chair Smith: Does this alter the
current statutes? 072 Wicks: Responds. 078 Chair Smith: Has
Legislative Counsel been consulted? 081 Wicks: No. 087 Chair
Smith: Specifically what does §1, (2) do? 089 Wicks: Responds.
101 Chair Smith: Mr. Gervais, are you satisfied I with that
explanation or do you want to present an amendment? 105 Gervais:
Responds. 111 RICHARD R. POOLEY, PLUMBING BOARD: Speaks to the
"special deputy" aspect. 138 Chair Smith: Adjourns the meeting at
10:17 a.m.

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EXHIBIT LOG:

A - Testimony on SB 31 - Wicks - 5 pages B - Testimony on SB 31 - Wright - 1 pages C - Testimony on SB 32 - Wicks - 2 pages D - Testimony on SB 33 - Wicks - 3 pages

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