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SENATE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS

February 4, 1991Hearing Room "B" 3:00 p.m. Tape 13

MEMBERS PRESENT:Sen. Glenn Otto, Chair Sen. Jane Cease, Vice-Chair
Sen. Jim Bunn Sen. Ron Grensky Sen. Dick Springer

MEMBERS EXCUSED:Sen. Tricia Smith Sen. John Kitzyhaber

STAFF PRESENT: John Houser, Committee Administrator Jayne
Hamilton, Committee Assistant

MEASURES CONSIDERED: SB 105 - Removal of Electrical
Inspection Labels PH/WS SB 256 - Retention of Electrical Permit Fees
PH/WS

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TAPE 13, SIDE A

005 CHAIR OTTO: Called the meeting to order at 3:11

(TAPE 13, SIDE A)

PUBLIC HEARING

SB 105 REFERRING TO REMOVAL OF ELECTRICAL INSPECTION LABELS

Witnesses:Gary Wicks, Administrator of the Building Codes Agency. Junior Owings, Manager of the Electrical Program. John Gervais, Representative of the National Electrical Contractors Association.

010 GARY WICKS, ADMINISTRATOR OF THE BUILDING CODES AGENCY: Reads written testimony, Exhibit A. This bill would take care of some of the safety problems associated with removing these tags.

040 BUNN: Does the green tag that you held up have a gummy back that you stick to the electrical box?

041 WICKS: Yes.

042 BUNN: What is the appropriate time to remove these tags, and who can do that?

048 JUNIOR OWINGS, MANAGER OF THE ELECTRICAL PROGRAM: That tag normally is put on there to let the utility company know that it has been approved and inspected and can be connected. Once it's been connected there's no reason why it can't be removed, as far as I'm concerned.

054 BUNN: Under this bill don't we prohibit that?

064 WICKS: In the law it says no person shall remove, transfer, alter, or tamper with an inspection permit. Unless we had other language in

here you would be violating the law, and would be subject to the penalty.

072 BUNN: Would it be difficult to add enough language to make it clear, that the sticker could be removed once it's purpose was fulfilled.

076 WICKS: We have no problem with that, and would be pleased to work with the Committee to provide language that would take care of your concerns.

081 JOHN GERVAIS, REPRESENTATIVE OF THE NATIONAL ELECTRICAL CONTRACTORS ASSOCIATION: We support this bill for purposes of enforcement. I do ask that if you change the language it be related to the word "remove" only, and not "alter" or "transfer". The problem we have is that people put the sticker on some other installation for purposes of avoidance of permits and using licensed people.

090 HOUSER: Distributes fiscal impact statements for SB 105, Exhibit D.

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WORK SESSION

SB 105 RELATING TO REMOVAL OF ELECTRICAL INSPECTION LABELS

098 HOUSER: It may take some time to draft the appropriate language to accommodate Sen. Bunn's concern. Since we operate on a 3 day rule to get this to the Senate desk it may be difficult to meet that time line and still get that amendment drafted. We may want to bring the bill back at a later day to check the amendments and pass it out at that time.

107 MOTION: SEN BUNN MOVED TO CONCEPTUALLY AMEND SB 105 TO MAKE IT CLEAR THAT A PERSON MAY REMOVE THE TAGS ONCE THEY'VE SERVED A PURPOSE. HEARING NO OBJECTIONS, SO ORDERED.

(TAPE 13, SIDE A)

PUBLIC HEARING

SB 256 RELATING TO RETENTION OF ELECTRICAL PERMIT FEES

Witnesses: Gary Wicks, Administrator of the Building Codes Agency. John Gervais, Representative of the National Electrical Contractors Association.

120 GARY WICKS, ADMINISTRATOR OF THE BUILDING CODES AGENCY: Reads written testimony Exhibit B. Refers to -1 amendments, Exhibit C.

204 CEASE: This has been put together in anticipation of your budget and the whole Governors budget?

206 WICKS: This is not a part of our budget request.

221 CEASE: But this bill was still introduced at the request of the Executive Department?

222 WICKS: Yes, they've approved it.

253 JOHN GERVAIS, REPRESENTATIVE OF THE NATIONAL ELECTRICAL CONTRACTORS ASSOCIATION: We think this bill is very appropriate, and ask for your passage of this bill.

265 HOUSER: Distributes fiscal impact statement for SB 256, Exhibit E.

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WORK SESSION

SB 256 RELATING TO RETENTION OF ELECTRICAL PERMIT FEES

277 MOTION: SEN. CEASE MOVED THE -1 AMENDMENTS AND THE EMERGENCY CLAUSE. HEARING NO OBJECTIONS, SO ORDERED.

286 MOTION: SEN. CEASE MOVED SB 256 TO THE FLOOR WITH A DO PASS RECOMMENDATION.

300 VOTE: MOTION CARRIED 5-0. (EXCUSED, SEN. KITZHABER, AND SEN. SMITH.)

Meeting adjourned at 3:32

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EXHIBIT LOG

A - Written testimony on SB 105, Gary Wicks, 2 pages B - Written testimony on SB 256, Gary Wicks, 4 pages C - 1 amendments to SB 256, Staff, 1 page D - Fiscal impact statement For SB 105, Staff, 1 page E - Fiscal impact statement for SB 256, Staff, 1 page