

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

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This proposed legislation would broaden the definition of electrical work to include the installation of information transport systems. It establishes requirements for the licensure of contractors and technicians involved in the information transport industry, and the permitting and inspection of installations. Information transport systems include communication systems which include an electronic and/or structured cabling component beyond the utility service point. Typically these systems include telephone, audio-visual, sound, public address, intercom, radio/television, antenna systems, and data communications systems. The legislation also expands the electrical board to include a seat dedicated to a representative from this industry.

FISCAL NOTE

The enactment of this legislation will result in an expansion of revenues to the dedicated electrical board fund, but will also require the expenditure of these additional funds to support the licensing and inspection efforts. The electrical board and the information transport industry are committed to making the information transport segment self-supporting, and will promulgate rules establishing fees to accomplish this goal, should this legislation be approved.

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