

Legislative Analysis



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House Bill 4125 (proposed substitute H-2)
Sponsor: Rep. Gary Howell
Committee: Workforce, Trades, and Talent
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SUMMARY:

House Bill 4125 would amend Article 7 (Electricians and Electrical Contractors) of the Skilled Trades Regulation Act to allow certain work done by or for an electric energy supply agency to be completed without a license.

Generally under the act, a person may not engage in the business of electrical contracting or in any manner undertake to execute electrical wiring unless appropriately licensed and employed. However, the act specifies instances in which a license is not required. The bill would add to that list certain work by or for an *electric energy supply agency*.

Electric energy supply agency would mean any of the following, as defined in the specified acts:

- An electric utility.
- An independent transmission company.
- A municipal electric utility system.
- An electric cooperative utility engaged in the transmission or distribution of electrical service and the cooperative's subsidiaries, affiliates, contractors, or subcontractors.

Additionally, the bill would add to the list of instances where a license is not required the alteration or repair of electrical equipment for the generation of electric current of a *renewable energy source* that is not owned and operated by an electric energy supply agency.

Renewable energy source would mean energy generated by solar, wind, geothermal, biomass (including waste-to-energy and landfill gas), or hydroelectric.

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FISCAL IMPACT:

House Bill 4125 would not have an appreciable fiscal impact on any unit of state or local government.

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