

2017 Legislative Bills

There is currently one active bill introduced for the 2017 legislative session that could potentially affect the LCB. Below is brief information about the bill:

House Bill 3337 passed House committee on April 6, 2017 and passed through the House floor on May 3, 2017 with a 56 to 4 vote.

The A-Engrossed version of HB 3337 includes the bill as introduced and the adopted amendment all in one. LCB staff interpretation summary is below:

- Creates a new limited license (monetary limitation, not scope of work).
- Removes qualifications; experience and education requirements prior to licensing.
- The Landscape Construction Professional (LCP) must also be the business owner.
- Requires only the backflow exam. While the backflow exam remains, current exemptions provided to LCB by Electricians Board (low voltage lighting & irrigation control wiring), and CCB (trees) could be jeopardized.
- A partial license may be obtained without backflow under this limited license.
- All Construction Contractors Board licensees would not be eligible for this new limited license type.
- The new limited license would be "all phase", limiting the dollar amount the licensed business can perform to \$8,000 per project in a 12-month period.
- Requires limited license holders to disclose limitation in contracts and on business cards.
- Does not allow any deck or arbor work (plan, install or repair) that is attached to a dwelling.
- Would become effective 90 days after signed -or- 90 days after Jan 1, 2018; whichever is sooner.

Once assigned to a Senate committee, the Chair will decide if a public hearing will take place where testimony can be heard or submitted. In order to pass through the Senate, a bill must be scheduled for a work session by May 19, 2017 and completed by June 2, 2017.

Updates will continue to be posted to our website as well as emailed to the group of interested stakeholders.

For up to date information about the status of this bill, you can visit the Oregon Legislative Information website at: <https://olis.leg.state.or.us/liz/2017R1/Measures/Overview/HB3337>

Previously introduced bills; House Bill 2206 and Senate Bill 474 both died in committee.