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House Bill 301: Electrician & Plumber Apprenticeships

“An Act relating to certificates of fitness for plumbers and electricians”

House Bill 301 would require completion of Registered Apprenticeship to receive a journeyworker’s certificate of fitness for electrical workers, plumbers and pipefitters. It also requires participation in Registered Apprenticeship to work under a trainee’s certificate of fitness.

For decades, state regulations have required participation in Registered Apprenticeship for trainees in these trades, and completion of 8,000 hours under a Registered Apprenticeship to receive a journeyworker license. HB 301 puts Registered Apprenticeship standards in statutes, strengthening them in response to recent industry feedback.

Registered Apprenticeships for electrical workers, plumbers, and pipefitters are regulated under the U.S. Department of Labor (USDOL) and require at least 8,000 hours of on-the-job experience under a journeyworker mentor. USDOL also requires numerous training and safety standards outlined in the Standards of Apprenticeship, which address didactic instruction and safety. Electrical, plumbing, and pipefitting apprenticeships are among Alaska’s most well-established apprenticeships. Employers across the state participate in apprenticeship, either by sponsoring an individual program or by participating in multiemployer programs.

During this legislative session, we have heard from many businesses and journeyworkers who support Registered Apprenticeship as the standard for occupational licensing in these highly skilled trades.

HB 301 ensures pro-industry apprenticeship standards will continue to be the basis of occupational licensing for electrical, plumbing, and pipefitting occupations. Please join me in cosponsoring this important legislation.