

# FINAL BILL REPORT

## EHB 1770

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#### Synopsis as Enacted

**Brief Description:** Revising enforcement requirements for plumbing certificates of competency.

**Sponsors:** Representatives Mastin and Grant.

**House Committee on Commerce & Labor**  
**Senate Committee on Labor, Commerce & Trade**

**Background:** In 1994, the Department of Labor and Industries was directed to establish a pilot project in Eastern Washington in which it would enter into an agreement with a city to permit enforcement of plumbing certificate of competency laws. Under an agreement, the city would submit declarations of noncompliance to the department for the department's enforcement action, with reimbursement to the city at an established fee.

A person may not engage in plumbing work unless he or she has a certificate of competency, a temporary permit, or a training certificate. The department issues certificates of competency. Compliance with these requirements are enforced by the department administratively. A notice of infraction is issued and a hearing is provided using administrative law judges, and penalties may be assessed.

**Summary:** The Department of Labor and Industries may, at its discretion, establish a pilot project in Eastern Washington covering local compliance inspections relating to certificate of competency laws. Participation in the pilot project is expanded to include the county in which the city is located.

**Votes on Final Passage:**

House	94	3	
Senate	32	13	(Senate amended)
House			(House refused to concur)
Senate	32	15	(Senate receded)

**Effective:** July 23, 1995