

CERTIFICATION OF ENROLLMENT

**ENGROSSED SENATE BILL 6089**

68th Legislature  
2024 Regular Session

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Yeas 49 Nays 0

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**President of the Senate**

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**Speaker of the House of  
Representatives**

Approved

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**Governor of the State of Washington**

CERTIFICATE

I, Sarah Bannister, Secretary of the Senate of the State of Washington, do hereby certify that the attached is **ENGROSSED SENATE BILL 6089** as passed by the Senate and the House of Representatives on the dates hereon set forth.

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**Secretary**

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**Secretary of State  
State of Washington**

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**By** Senators King, Keiser, and Mullet; by request of Department of Labor & Industries

Read first time 01/09/24. Referred to Committee on Labor & Commerce.

1       AN ACT Relating to eliminating certain minimum requirement  
2       equivalencies for electrical inspectors; amending RCW 19.28.321;  
3       creating a new section; and providing an expiration date.

4       BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

5       **Sec. 1.** RCW 19.28.321 and 2007 c 218 s 84 are each amended to  
6       read as follows:

7       The director of labor and industries of the state of Washington  
8       and the officials of all incorporated cities and towns where  
9       electrical inspections are required by local ordinances shall have  
10      power and it shall be their duty to enforce the provisions of this  
11      chapter in their respective jurisdictions. The director of labor and  
12      industries shall appoint a chief electrical inspector and may appoint  
13      other electrical inspectors as the director deems necessary to assist  
14      the director in the performance of the director's duties. The chief  
15      electrical inspector, subject to the review of the director, shall be  
16      responsible for providing the final interpretation of adopted state  
17      electrical standards, rules, and policies for the department and its  
18      inspectors, assistant inspectors, electrical plan examiners, and  
19      other individuals supervising electrical program personnel. If a  
20      dispute arises within the department regarding the interpretation of  
21      adopted state electrical standards, rules, or policies, the chief

1 electrical inspector, subject to the review of the director, shall  
2 provide the final interpretation of the disputed standard, rule, or  
3 policy. All electrical inspectors appointed by the director of labor  
4 and industries shall have not less than: Four years experience as  
5 ((journeyperson)) journey level electricians in the electrical  
6 construction trade installing and maintaining electrical wiring and  
7 equipment (~~(, or two years electrical training in a college of~~  
8 ~~electrical engineering of recognized standing and four years~~  
9 ~~continuous practical electrical experience in installation work, or~~  
10 ~~four years of electrical training in a college of electrical~~  
11 ~~engineering of recognized standing and two years continuous practical~~  
12 ~~electrical experience in electrical installation work)); or four  
13 years experience as a ((journeyperson)) journey level electrician  
14 performing the duties of an electrical inspector employed by the  
15 department or a city or town with an approved inspection program  
16 under RCW 19.28.141, except that for work performed in accordance  
17 with the national electrical safety code and covered by this chapter,  
18 such inspections may be performed by a person certified as an outside  
19 journeyperson lineworker, under RCW 19.28.261(5)(b), with four years  
20 experience or a person with four years experience as a certified  
21 outside journeyperson lineworker performing the duties of an  
22 electrical inspector employed by an electrical utility. Such state  
23 inspectors shall be paid such salary as the director of labor and  
24 industries shall determine, together with their travel expenses in  
25 accordance with RCW 43.03.050 and 43.03.060 as now existing or  
26 hereafter amended. As a condition of employment, inspectors hired  
27 exclusively to perform inspections in accordance with the national  
28 electrical safety code must possess and maintain certification as an  
29 outside journeyperson lineworker. The expenses of the director of  
30 labor and industries and the salaries and expenses of state  
31 inspectors incurred in carrying out the provisions of this chapter  
32 shall be paid entirely out of the electrical license fund, upon  
33 vouchers approved by the director of labor and industries.~~

34 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** (1) The department of labor and industries  
35 and the association of Washington cities must work with cities that  
36 issue their own electrical permits and perform their own electrical  
37 inspections to identify appropriate pathways to qualify as an  
38 electrical inspector in this state.

1           (2) The department of labor and industries shall submit a report  
2 to the legislature with its findings and recommendations, in  
3 accordance with RCW 43.01.036, by December 15, 2024.

4           (3) This section expires June 30, 2025.

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