

**2021 SENATE INDUSTRY, BUSINESS AND LABOR**

**SB 2051**

# 2021 SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

## Industry, Business and Labor Committee Fort Union Room, State Capitol

SB 2051  
1/13/2021

Relating to employees of the state board of plumbing and fees for applications, examinations, renewals, and late renewals for plumbers.

**Chair Klein** Called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

All members present. Senators: Klein, D Larsen, Burckhard, Kreun, Marcellais, Vedaa

### Discussion Topics:

- Employees of the state board of plumbing and fees for applications, examinations, renewals, and late renewals for plumbers

**Kimberley Tomanek, Business Manager State Plumbing Board** [8:31] testified in favor and submitted testimony #697.

**Senator Burckhard** moved a Do Pass [8:43].

**Senator Kreun** 2nd the motion [8:43].

Roll Call Vote:

Senators	Vote
Senator Jerry Klein	Y
Senator Doug Larsen	Y
Senator Randy A. Burckhard	Y
Senator Curt Kreun	Y
Senator Richard Marcellais	Y
Senator Shawn Vedaa	Y

Motion Passed 6-0-0

**Senator Vedaa** will carry the Bill [8:43].

**Chair Klein** closed the hearing at 8:44 a.m.

*Gail Stanek, Committee Clerk*

**REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE**

**SB 2051: Industry, Business and Labor Committee (Sen. Klein, Chairman)** recommends **DO PASS** (6 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING). SB 2051 was placed on the Eleventh order on the calendar.

Testimony – SB 2051  
January 13, 2021

Good morning Chairman Klein and committee members. My name is Kimberley Tomanek and I am the Business Manager for the State Plumbing Board. The Board supports SB 2051 and I appreciate the opportunity to provide an explanation regarding the proposed amendments.

The Board staff is composed of six employees, the Secretary/Chief Inspector; a Business Manager; three Plumbing Inspectors; and an Administrative Assistant. The board office is in Bismarck, which is where the Secretary/Chief Inspector, Business Manager and Administrative Assistant are located. The remaining employees are in Beulah, Minot and West Fargo. Currently, the Secretary/Chief Inspector is responsible for the administration of board activities while also providing plumbing inspections throughout central and northeast North Dakota. The Board's vision is to change the composition of personnel to address the landscape of business more appropriately. A job title change from Chief Inspector to Executive Director would facilitate a more business focused position concentrating on the daily operations and management of staff. Many of the other boards and commissions are structured much like what is being proposed. Also, some of the current language pertaining to staff positions is antiquated. Basically, this part of the bill would change the job title from Chief Inspector to Executive Director, and would remove the requirement that the Secretary or Executive Director has to be a licensed plumber.

Presently the licensure fees that pertain to plumbers are application fees, license or renewal fees, examination fees and late fees. The proposed amendments relating to licensure fees would clarify and provide consistency for each fee type, while setting a maximum allowable amount for application fees and late fees. License or renewal fees and examination fees have already been established by the limits in Chapter 43-18.

The Board respectfully requests your favorable consideration of the proposed changes and I would be happy to answer any questions you may have.

**2021 HOUSE INDUSTRY, BUSINESS AND LABOR**

**SB 2051**

# 2021 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

## Industry, Business and Labor Committee Room JW327C, State Capitol

SB 2051  
3/3/2021

<b>Employees of the state board of plumbing &amp; fees for applications, examinations, renewals &amp; late renewals for plumbers.</b>
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(2:00) Chairman Lefor called the hearing to order.

Representatives	Attendance	Representatives	Attendance
Chairman Lefor	P	Rep Ostlie	P
Vice Chairman Keiser	P	Rep D Ruby	P
Rep Hagert	P	Rep Schauer	P
Rep Kasper	A	Rep Stemen	P
Rep Louser	A	Rep Thomas	P
Rep Nehring	P	Rep Adams	P
Rep O'Brien	P	Rep P Anderson	A

### Discussion Topics:

- Changing job title from Chief Inspector to Executive Director.

Kimberley Tomanek~Business Manager-State Plumbing Board. Attachment #7311

Bill Kalanek~ND Association of Plumbing & Heating Contractors. Testified in support.

Chairman Lefor closes the hearing.

Rep Adams moves a Do Pass.

Rep Schauer second.

<b>Representatives</b>	<b>Vote</b>
Chairman Lefor	Y
Vice Chairman Keiser	Y
Rep Hagert	Y
Rep Jim Kasper	A
Rep Scott Louser	A
Rep Nehring	Y
Rep O'Brien	Y
Rep Ostlie	Y
Rep Ruby	Y
Rep Schauer	Y
Rep Stemen	Y
Rep Thomas	Y
Rep Adams	Y
Rep P Anderson	A

Vote roll call taken Motion carried 11-0-3 & Rep O'Brien is the carrier.

**Additional written testimony:**

(2:07) End time.

*Ellen LeTang, Committee Clerk*

**REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE**

**SB 2051: Industry, Business and Labor Committee (Rep. Lefor, Chairman)** recommends **DO PASS** (11 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 3 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING). SB 2051 was placed on the Fourteenth order on the calendar.



Testimony – SB 2051  
March 3, 2021

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