

ONE HUNDRED NINTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION - 2026
COMMITTEE STATEMENT
LB889

Hearing Date: Wednesday January 28, 2026
Committee On: Judiciary
Introducer: Clouse
One Liner: Change a penalty in the State Electrical Act

Roll Call Vote - Final Committee Action:
Advanced to General File with amendment(s)

Vote Results:

Aye:	7	Senators Bosn, DeBoer, Hallstrom, Holdcroft, Rountree, Storer, Storm
Nay:	1	Senator McKinney
Absent:		
Present Not Voting:		

Testimony:

Proponents:

Senator Stan Clouse
Craig Thelen

Representing:

Opening Presenter
State Electrical Division

Opponents:

Representing:

Neutral:

Representing:

* ADA Accommodation Written Testimony

Summary of purpose and/or changes:

LB 889 increases the penalty for certain violations of the State Electrical Act from a Class I misdemeanor to a Class IV felony. The bill amends § 81-2143 to make it a Class IV felony to knowingly and willfully commit or order, instruct, or direct another to commit any of the following acts:

- (1) Making a false statement in a license application, inspection request, certificate, or other required form;
 - (2) Performing electrical work for another without the proper license;
 - (3) Failing to file a required request for inspection;
 - (4) Interfering with or refusing entry to a lawfully acting electrical inspector; or
 - (5) Failing or neglecting to comply with the Act or any lawful rule, regulation, or order of the electrical board.
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Explanation of amendments:

The committee amendment (AM 2168) strikes and replaces the original sections of LB 889 but retains the felony penalty increase. The amendment makes two additional changes.

First, it limits the unlicensed-work violation in § 81-2143 to paid electrical work.

Second, it adds a new subsection to § 81-2143 providing that the prohibition on performing paid electrical work without a license does not apply when a person performs paid electrical work for certain family members (a parent, stepparent, spouse, descendant, grandparent, sibling, cousin, aunt, or uncle) whether related by blood, adoption, or marriage.

Carolyn Bosn, Chairperson

