REVENUE: No revenue impact
FISCAL: Minimal fiscal impact, no statement issued

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Authorizes the Oregon Landscape Contractors Board to issue probationary landscape contractor licenses. Expands the options for meeting the minimum education and experience requirements for being licensed as a landscape contractor.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:
- Need for probationary license as a means to allow person to gain experience
- Limits placed on person with probationary license

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: No amendment.

BACKGROUND: The Oregon Landscape Contractors Board (LCB) was created in 1972 and is charged with licensing and regulating landscaping businesses and landscape contractors. There are approximately 1,500 landscape contractors and 1,200 landscaping businesses currently licensed in Oregon. Landscape contractors must meet experience and/or education requirements and pass a competency exam for licensure. Landscape businesses must post security bonds, submit evidence of liability insurance, and employ a licensed landscape contractor.

House Bill 2076 authorizes the Landscape Contractors Board to issue probationary landscape contractor licenses to persons who do not meet the training and experience requirements for full licensure. If an applicant cannot meet the requirement of 24 months employment with a landscape contractor or 12 months employment plus one year of accredited training, the board would be able to issue a probationary license. LCB is authorized to limit or restrict, by rule, the landscape work performed by probationary landscape contractors, but the holder of the probationary license is otherwise considered a licensed landscape contractor. After two years, a person holding a probationary license would be able to apply for full licensure upon meeting experience requirements outlined in the measure.

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