



Fix Split Scale for Electrical Contractors

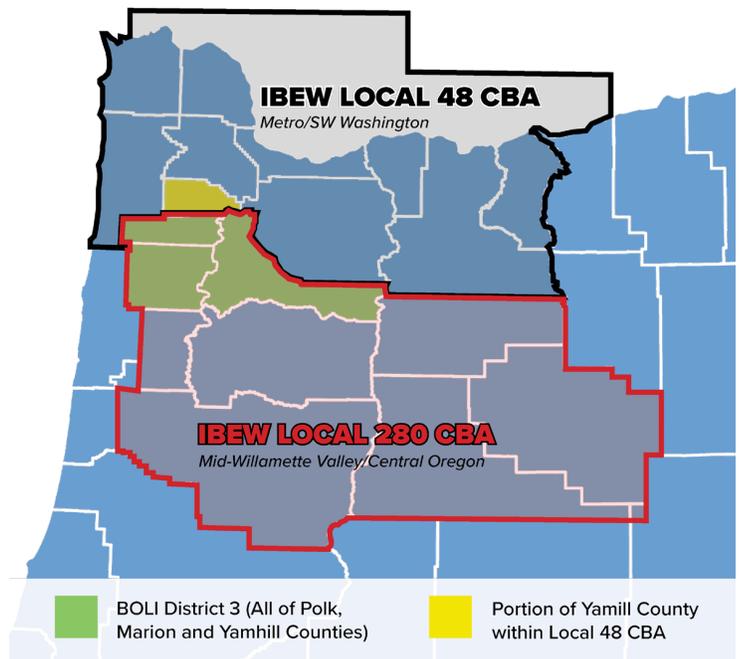
House Bill 3608 Repairs Unintended Consequence in Prevailing Wage Law

In 2021, the Oregon Legislature passed SB 493 to set the prevailing wage for each district in the state and was aimed to ensure an even playing field. NECA contractors supported the bill, but discovered an oversight upon implementation that has created a split scale within collective bargaining agreements (CBAs) for the same union.

The Bureau of Labor and Industry (BOLI) creates prevailing wage districts within county lines, but IBEW jurisdictions are established by international union and based on other geographic and demographic markers.

While IBEW 48 jurisdiction covers the Portland Metro area, Southwest Washington, it also includes the town of Newberg in the northern part of the county. Because Newberg is in Yamhill County and district 3, the IBEW 48 CBA supplants the collective bargaining agreement of IBEW local 280 for all of Yamhill, Marion and Polk counties.

CBAs under the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers cannot include jurisdictional areas because they are set by the international president and haven't changed since 1928.



BOLI cannot fix it, contractors cannot fix it, and the local IBEW cannot fix it. However, legislators can fix it.

HB3608 is narrowly crafted and only pertains to the electrical trade.

Support HB 3608

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