

**International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers  
Testimony to the General Law Committee on *SB 1131 AAC Consumer  
Protection*  
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The International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (IBEW) appreciates the opportunity to offer comments with respect to sections 2 and 3 of *SB 1131 AAC Consumer Protection*. This language makes changes to the Department of Consumer Protection (DCP) occupational licensing statutes that determine who has the ultimate authority when reporting on and assessing civil penalties for licensing violations.

The IBEW supports any efforts to strengthen licensing enforcement within DCP. Adequate enforcement of licensing laws helps to ensure that only properly licensed tradespeople are performing work in our homes and businesses. In addition, having individuals within the Department closely monitor compliance with Connecticut's licensing laws can help to bring in additional revenue to the state as there are fines assessed when a violation is found.

The IBEW feels strongly that the Electrical Work Examining Board is an integral part of the licensing enforcement process. The members of the Board are men and women who have extensive knowledge of the trade, and they all feel it is of the utmost importance to make sure every individual working in a licensed trade maintains the proper license. Given this, the IBEW would support any effort to reinforce the involvement of the occupational licensing boards with regards to oversight of licensing laws.

Thank you for your time and attention to this matter.

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