

COMMERCE COMMITTEE PUBLIC HEARING
MARCH 10, 2016

SENATOR HARTLEY, REPRESENTATIVE PERONE AND MEMBERS OF THIS COMMITTEE MY NAME IS CAMERON CHAMPLIN, I REPRESENT PLUMBERS and PIPE FITTERS LOCAL UNION 777. THIS TESTIMONY IS PERTAINING TO SB-396.

WE ARE OPPOSED TO THE BILL AS WRITTEN. SECTION 1 SUB SECTION (b) IN LINE 25 IS TOO BROAD, IT DOES NOT SPECIFY THAT PRIOR EXPERIENCE MUST BE OBTAINED IN A APPROVED PROGRAM.

IF LINE 25 WAS CHANGED TO READ (APPROVED STATE OR FEDERAL APPRENTICESHIP AGREEMENT WITH PRIOR WORK EXPERIENCE) WE WOULD BE IN AGREEMENT WITH THE INTENTION OF THE BILL. AS WRITTEN EMPLOYERS COULD INTERPRET THAT AS ANY AGREEMENT REACHED BETWEEN TWO PARTIES. WE CERTAINLY DO NOT WANT TO ENCOURAGE EMPLOYERS TO NOT PROPERLY REGISTER THEIR APPRENTICES. APPRENTICES ARE TRYING TO EMBARK ON A CAREER NOT JUST ANOTHER JOB.

OF COURSE TO ACCOMPLISH THIS THE DOL WOULD HAVE TO DEDICATE PERSONNEL TO EVALUATE THE PRIOR EXPERIENCE. THIS WOULD REQUIRE FUNDING FOR THE ADDED TASK.

THANK YOU FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO TESTIFY ON THIS VERY IMPORTANT ISSUE. I MAY BE CONTACTED AT EMAIL camc@att.net OR CELL (860) 287-0020.