

**CONDOTTA
RECOMMENDATIONS**

From: Hammond, Kurt **On Behalf Of** Condotta, Rep. Cary
Sent: Wednesday, November 05, 2008 3:48 PM
To: Reinmuth, Jill
Cc: Hellberg, Alison
Subject: RE: JLTF on the HVAC/R Industry - Request for Recommendations

Task Force Members,

As we discussed at last Wednesday's meeting, the Task Force is required to report its findings and recommendations to the Legislature by December 1, 2008. In an effort to meet this deadline, we are seeking recommendations from Task Force members.

For each of the topics listed below, please indicate: (1) whether the task force should recommend that the relevant requirements be approved as set forth in ESSB 5831 (as passed House); or (2) whether the task force should recommend that the requirements be modified, and if so, specifically how they should be modified. When indicating that a requirement be approved as set forth in ESSB 5831 (as passed House), please assume that any dates would be rolled forward by one year.

If you wish to add other topics to the list below, please notify staff as soon as possible and no later than the close of business on Friday, October 31, so that all Task Force members may be notified of additions.

If you wish to make general recommendations as to the direction the Legislature should proceed, please submit those recommendations along with your recommendations on the topics listed below.

1. Requirements for certifying HVAC/R mechanics.

- Approve.
- Modify. (If so, how?) **Retain current law.**

2. Methods of registering HVAC/R contractors who qualify for two or more registrations or licenses.

- Approve.
- Modify. (If so, how?) **Retain current law.**

3. Establishing at least three levels of HVAC/R mechanics, with the ability to be certified in several specialties including HVAC, refrigeration, and gas piping.

- Approve.
- Modify. (If so, how?) **Retain current law.**

4. The experience requirements for each mechanic level.

- Approve.
- Modify. (If so, how?) **Retain current law.**

5. The methods by which apprentices and other persons learning to perform HVAC/R work obtain training certificates.

- Approve.
- Modify. (If so, how?) **Retain current law.**

6. Exemptions to the registration or certification requirements. Recommendations should be focused on the following exemptions in ESSB 5831 as passed House:

a. Section 5(1)(d) (propane).

- Approve.
- Modify. (If so, how?) **Retain current law.**

b. Section 5(1)(g) (owners and their employees, but not HVAC/R operators in Seattle).

- Approve.
- Modify. (If so, how?) **Retain current law.**

c. Section 5(1)(o) (hearth products).

- Approve.
- Modify. (If so, how?) **Retain current law.**

d. Section 6(1) (temporary exemption for certain refrigeration work in food and beverage stores, but not in Seattle).

- Approve.
- Modify. (If so, how?) **Retain current law.**

7. The role and the composition of the HVAC/R Board.

- Approve.
- Modify. (If so, how?) **Retain current law.**

Please submit your recommendations to staff by close of business on Friday, November 7.

Staff will then prepare a matrix of the recommendations and circulate it to Task Force members by close of business on Monday, November 10.

The Task Force will make decisions about the recommendations at its meeting on Thursday, November 13.

Please contact Task Force staff if you have questions. Thank you.

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