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Construction Trades Education Amendments

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STATE OF UTAH

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3 LONG TITLE

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General Description:

5 This bill modifies the Utah Construction Trades Licensing Act.

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Highlighted Provisions:

7 This bill:

8 ▶ modifies the list of organizations that may offer continuing education for a contractor
9 licensee.

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Money Appropriated in this Bill:

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Other Special Clauses:

13 None

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Utah Code Sections Affected:

15 AMENDS:

16 **58-55-302.5**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2024, Chapter 201

18 *Be it enacted by the Legislature of the state of Utah:*

19 Section 1. Section **58-55-302.5** is amended to read:

20 **58-55-302.5 . Continuing education requirements for contractor licensees --**

21 **Continuing education courses.**

22 (1)(a) Each contractor licensee under a license issued under this chapter shall complete
23 six hours of approved continuing education during each two-year renewal cycle
24 established by rule under Subsection 58-55-303(1).

25 (b) Each contractor licensee who has a renewal cycle that ends on or after January 1,
26 2020, may complete one hour of approved continuing education on energy
27 conservation as part of the six required hours.

28 (2)(a) The commission shall, with the concurrence of the division, establish by rule
29 made in accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah Administrative Rulemaking Act,
30 a program of approved continuing education for contractor licensees.

31 (b) Except as provided in Subsections (2)(c) and (e), only courses offered by any of the
32 following may be included in the program of approved continuing education for
33 contractor licensees:

34 (i) the Associated General Contractors of Utah;
35 (ii) the Associated Builders and Contractors, Utah Chapter;
36 (iii) the Utah Home Builders Association;
37 (iv) the National Electrical Contractors Association, Intermountain Chapter;
38 (v) the Utah Plumbing & Heating Contractors Association;
39 (vi) the Independent Electrical Contractors of Utah;
40 (vii) the Rocky Mountain Gas Association;
41 (viii) the Utah Mechanical Contractors Association;
42 (ix) the Sheet Metal Contractors Association;
43 (x) the Intermountain Electrical Association;
44 (xi) the American Subcontractors Association, Utah Chapter; [or]
45 (xii) the Utah Roofing Contractors Association[-] ; or
46 (xiii) the Utah Masonry Council.

47 (c) An approved continuing education program for a contractor licensee may include a
48 course approved by an entity described in Subsections (2)(b)(i) through (2)(b)(iii).

49 (d)(i) Except as provided in Subsections (2)(d)(ii) and (iii), an entity listed in
50 Subsections (2)(b)(iv) through [(2)(b)(xii)] (2)(b)(xiii) may only offer and market
51 continuing education courses to a licensee who is a member of the entity.

52 (ii) An entity described in Subsection (2)(b)(iv), (vi), or (x) may offer and market a
53 continuing education course that the entity offers to satisfy the continuing
54 education requirement described in Subsection 58-55-302.7(2)(a) to a contractor
55 in the electrical trade.

56 (iii) An entity described in Subsection (2)(b)(v) or (viii) may offer and market a
57 continuing education course that the entity offers to satisfy:
58 (A) the continuing education requirement described in Subsection
59 58-55-302.7(2)(b) to a contractor in the plumbing trade; or
60 (B) the continuing education requirement described in Subsection (1) for a
61 contractor licensee that is licensed in the specialty contractor classification of
62 HVAC contractor.

63 (e) An approved continuing education program for a contractor licensee may include a
64 course offered and taught by:

- (i) a state executive branch agency;
- (ii) the workers' compensation insurance carrier that provides workers' compensation insurance under Section 31A-22-1001; or
- (iii) a nationally or regionally accredited college or university that has a physical campus in the state.

(f) For a contractor licensee that is licensed in the specialty contractor classification of HVAC contractor, at least three of the six hours described in Subsection (1) shall include continuing education directly related to the installation, repair, or replacement of a heating, ventilation, or air conditioning system.

The division may contract with a person to establish and maintain a continuing education registry to include:

- (a) a list of courses that the division has approved for inclusion in the program of approved continuing education; and
- (b) a list of courses that:
 - (i) a contractor licensee has completed under the program of approved continuing education; and
 - (ii) the licensee may access to monitor the licensee's compliance with the continuing education requirement established under Subsection (1).

Section 2. Effective Date.

This bill takes effect on May 6, 2026.