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## Written Testimony of

**Rico Albacarys, Assistant Business Agent, IBEW LOCAL 24**

**Before the Education, Energy, and Environment Committee On**

**SB 326 Washington County – Electricians – Registration and Licensing**

### Oppose

February 13, 2023

Chairman Feldman and Committee Members,

I am writing to express my **opposition** to **SB 326**. I acknowledge the efforts you have made to standardize the procedures for electrical licensing across the state, and I strongly believe that this bill is both confusing and unnecessary.

One of the main objectives of standardizing the procedures was to eliminate the need for each county to have its own set of procedures. However, SB 326 seems to run counter to this goal, as it includes provisions for quarterly testing, which were meant to be conducted at the state level. Additionally, the bill references classifications such as "Restricted Electrician" that do not exist in the current State statute, adding to the confusion and making it inconsistent with existing state laws.

For these reasons we ask for an **unfavorable** report out of committee.

Sincerely,

Rico Albacarys

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