

**LEGISLATIVE REVIEW**  
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**SPONSOR TESTIMONY HELD ON HB 140**

HB 140 RESIDENTIAL CONSTRUCTION (Patmon,B.) To require licensure of residential construction contractors and to create the Residential Builders' and Maintenance and Alteration Contractors' Licensing Board to regulate the licensure and performance of residential construction contractors had sponsor testimony Wednesday.

In his testimony, Rep. Patmon said his bill would offer more protection for consumers who build homes or have renovations done on their homes, noting that the state doesn't require licensing for many who work in home construction and remodeling businesses. He said the bill responds to an increase in under qualified people entering the business, and performing work that damages homes.

Although his testimony was not all factual, Rep. Patmon did acknowledge there are concerns in the industry that the bill could require multiple types of licensure at the state and local levels.

The sponsor did not contact OHBA for input prior to introducing the bill. HB 140 had been referred to the House Commerce, Labor and Technology Committee. OHBA had several discussions with the Committee Chairman, Rep. Ron Young, prior to the hearing, and tried to make Rep. Patmon aware of potential issues, as well. Following sponsor testimony, Rep Young indicated he had not scheduled any more upcoming hearings on HB 140 and is willing to work with OHBA on the issue.

OHBA continues to work with members of the Senate on legislation to include reasonable alternatives. At this time, OHBA is unsure why the Sponsor, Rep. Patmon, failed to contact OHBA prior to introducing legislation both last session, and currently with HB 140.

Please feel free to contact OHBA with any questions.