

The logo for Nelson Tree Specialist features a stylized green tree icon above the text "NELSON TREE SPECIALIST" in a serif font. The entire logo is set against a dark, rectangular background.

NELSON TREE SPECIALIST

February 22, 2023

HB-612 Natural Resources – Licensed Tree Experts - Alterations

SPONSOR: Delegate Courtney Watson

POSITION: Favorable

To Whom it May Concern:

My name is Nelson Villafuerte, I am the owner of Nelson Tree Specialist and holder of Tree Expert License No. #1610. I have hold my license for over 10 years now.

I do believe it is important to hold a license if you want to care for trees and to dedicate your knowledge to one company only so you can supervise all jobs to be done, specially when it comes to trimming. When trimming a tree it is extremely important to know what you are doing, if you remove the wrong branch or branches you can easily “kill” the tree. It is important to educate your customers when it comes to that, must customers do not know what you can or cannot do to a tree.

I also believe that if a company has been fined for not having a license, if they get caught working without a license for a second time fine has to be higher than first time. A lot of “companies” without license do not know what they’re doing when it comes to trimming due to lack of education.

It is important in my opinion that a person who holds a Tree Expert License only works for one company, as I do believe that if you have more than one company under your care you cannot have enough time to supervise all jobs getting done.

With that been said, I am in total favor on House Bill 612 and believe it is important to pay attention to this matter.

Truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Nelson Villafuerte". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long, sweeping underline.

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