

**SENATE BILL REPORT**

**SHB 1207**

**AS OF APRIL 1, 1991**

**Brief Description:** Revising information requirements for contractor registration.

**SPONSORS:** House Committee on Commerce & Labor (originally sponsored by Representatives Cole, Fuhrman, Jones, R. King and Winsley; by request of Department of Labor & Industries).

**HOUSE COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE & LABOR**

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**Staff:** Dave Cheal (786-7576)

**Hearing Dates:** April 2, 1991

**BACKGROUND:**

All persons or firms engaging in the contracting business in Washington are required to register with the Department of Labor and Industries. Contractors may register as general contractors or specialty contractors. There is no requirement that the contractor indicate whether he or she will perform residential construction.

The contractor registration law does not require an examination or other indicator of performance from the contractor before registration is issued.

**SUMMARY:**

Persons registering with the Department of Labor and Industries as contractors for the first time, or after a lapse of two years or more, may be required to attend an informational seminar on the laws and practices applicable to the business of contracting in Washington. Failure to attend the seminar within six months is grounds for revocation of a contractor's registration.

**Appropriation:** none

**Revenue:** none

**Fiscal Note:** available