

**SENATE BILL REPORT**

**SHB 2673**

**AS REPORTED BY COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENTAL OPERATIONS,  
FEBRUARY 24, 1992**

**Brief Description:** Concerning residential buildings moved into a city or county.

**SPONSORS:** House Committee on Housing (originally sponsored by Representatives Hargrove and Nelson)

**HOUSE COMMITTEE ON HOUSING**

**SENATE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENTAL OPERATIONS**

**Majority Report:** Do pass.

Signed by Senators McCaslin, Chairman; Madsen, and Sutherland.

**Staff:** Barbara Howard (786-7410)

**Hearing Dates:** February 24, 1992

**BACKGROUND:**

The Department of Labor and Industries (L&I) has general responsibility for the development and enforcement of the state electrical code. This includes establishing the electrical wiring requirements for all types of residential, commercial, industrial, and institutional buildings or structures. Only cities and towns may enforce the requirements of the state electrical code with L&I approval.

In 1989, the Legislature revised both the construction and energy standards so that residential buildings or structures moved into or within a county, city or town would not be required to meet all of the requirements of the uniform codes that comprise the State Building Code and the State Energy Code. The exemption only applied to moved buildings or structures: (a) that meet existing building or energy codes at the time the building or structure was built; and (b) where the original occupancy of the building or structure was not changed as a result of the move. The same exemption was not applied to the State Electrical Code.

**SUMMARY:**

Residential buildings or structures that are moved into or within a county, city or town are not required to meet all of the requirements of the latest edition of the State Electrical Code. The exemption from the latest code requirements applies to moved buildings or structures: (a) that met the requirement of existing electrical codes at the time the building or structure was built; and (b) where the original occupancy

classification of the building or structure was not changed as a result of the move.

**Appropriation:** none

**Revenue:** none

**Fiscal Note:** none requested

**TESTIMONY FOR:** None

**TESTIMONY AGAINST:** None

**TESTIFIED:** No one