

# SENATE BILL REPORT

## SB 6378

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As of January 26, 1998

**Title:** An act relating to adoption by reference of codes by the state building code council that constitute the state building code.

**Brief Description:** Authorizing adoption of building codes published by any nationally recognized code organization.

**Sponsors:** Senators Horn, Haugen, McCaslin and T. Sheldon.

**Brief History:**

**Committee Activity:** Government Operations: 1/29/98.

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### SENATE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS

**Staff:** Diane Smith (786-7410)

**Background:** The State Building Code, which is effective in all counties and cities, is a collection of specifically defined codes published by a variety of particular entities. Those codes are the building, fire, mechanical, plumbing and barrier-free codes. The State Building Code Council is required to adopt and maintain these codes, which comprise the State Building Code. The council has the authority to amend the codes as it deems appropriate.

Due to a consolidation and standardization effort at the federal level, three regional code organizations joined to produce one national building code which replaces the uniform building, mechanical and fire codes. The State Building Code Council begins its review cycle for the 2000 State Building Code in 1998.

**Summary of Bill:** The State Building Code consists of nationally recognized building, mechanical, fire and plumbing codes to be reviewed publicly by the State Building Code Council and amended as deemed appropriate by the council.

**Appropriation:** None.

**Fiscal Note:** Not requested.

**Effective Date:** Ninety days after adjournment of session in which bill is passed.