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1 AN ACT Relating to temporary worker building codes; amending RCW  
2 70.114A.080; and adding a new section to chapter 19.27 RCW.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 19.27 RCW  
5 to read as follows:

6 Temporary worker housing shall be constructed, altered, or repaired  
7 as provided in chapter 70.114A RCW. The construction, alteration, or  
8 repair of temporary worker housing is not subject to the codes adopted  
9 under RCW 19.27.031, except as provided in any code adopted under  
10 chapter 70.114A RCW. For the purposes of this section "temporary  
11 worker housing" means a shelter, place, area, or piece of land where  
12 sleeping places or housing sites are provided by an employer for his or  
13 her employees for temporary seasonal occupancy at the employees' work  
14 site, and includes labor camps under RCW 70.54.110.

15 **Sec. 2.** RCW 70.114A.080 and 1995 c 220 s 8 are each amended to  
16 read as follows:

17 ((By December 1, 1996,)) The ((state building code council))  
18 department shall ((develop)) adopt by rule under chapter 34.05 RCW a

1 temporary worker (~~((housing))~~) building code, in conformance with the  
2 temporary worker housing standards developed under the Washington  
3 industrial safety and health act, chapter 49.17 RCW, the rules adopted  
4 by the state board of health under RCW 70.54.110, and the following  
5 guidelines:

6 (1) The code shall provide construction standards for shelter and  
7 associated facilities that are safe, secure, and capable of  
8 withstanding the stresses and loads associated with their designated  
9 use, and to which they are likely to be subjected by the elements.

10 (2) The code shall permit and facilitate designs and formats that  
11 allow for maximum affordability, consistent with the provision of  
12 decent, safe, and sanitary housing.

13 (3) In developing the code the (~~((council))~~) department shall  
14 consider: (a) The need for dormitory type housing for groups of  
15 unrelated individuals; and (b) the need for housing to accommodate  
16 families.

17 (4) The code shall include construction standards for a variety of  
18 formats, including, but not limited to: (a) Tents and tent platforms;  
19 and (b) hard-shell, single exterior wall structures.

20 (5) The code shall include standards for temporary worker housing  
21 that is to be used only during periods when no auxiliary heat is  
22 required.

23 In (~~((developing))~~) adopting the temporary worker (~~((housing))~~)  
24 building code, it is the intent of the legislature that the (~~((building~~  
25 ~~code council))~~) department make exceptions to the codes listed in RCW  
26 19.27.031, and chapter 19.27A RCW, in keeping with the guidelines set  
27 forth in this section.

28 (~~((The building code council shall appoint a technical advisory~~  
29 ~~committee to assist in the development of the temporary worker housing~~  
30 ~~code, which shall include representatives of industries that most~~  
31 ~~frequently supply temporary housing to their employees.))~~) It is also  
32 the intent of the legislature that the initial temporary worker  
33 building code adopted by the department be substantially equivalent to  
34 the temporary worker building code developed by the state building code  
35 council as directed by section 8, chapter 220, Laws of 1995, and  
36 presented to the legislature on December 1, 1996.

1        The temporary worker building code authorized and required by this  
2 section shall be enforced by the department.

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