

1 **ESSB 5703** - H COMM AMD **NOT ADOPTED 4/9/01**

2 By Committee on Commerce & Labor

3 Strike everything after the enacting clause and insert the
4 following:

5 "NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** (1) A joint legislative task force is
6 created to review chapter 43.22 RCW as it pertains to the regulation of
7 manufactured and mobile homes. The task force membership shall consist
8 of:

9 (a) One member from each caucus of the senate labor, commerce and
10 financial institutions committee, appointed by the president of the
11 senate;

12 (b) One member from each caucus of the house commerce and labor
13 committee, appointed by the co-speakers of the house of
14 representatives;

15 (c) Representatives of the mobile/manufactured homeowners,
16 mobile/manufactured home mortgage lenders, mobile/manufactured home
17 manufacturers and retailers, realtors, business and labor
18 representatives of the electrical and plumbing trades, and other state
19 or local government agencies as appropriate, appointed jointly by the
20 president of the senate and the co-speakers of the house of
21 representatives; and

22 (d) A representative of the department of labor and industries.
23 The department shall cooperate with the task force and provide such
24 technical expertise as the task force co-chairs may reasonably require.

25 (2) The task force shall choose its co-chairs from among its
26 membership.

27 (3) The study shall review at least the following issues:

28 (a) The fact that many mobile/manufactured homeowners have
29 performed alterations or repairs to their homes without obtaining the
30 required permits with the result that potential buyers may be unable to
31 obtain mortgage financing from the usual sources;

32 (b) The costs associated with obtaining required permits,
33 particularly on those occasions when an engineering analysis is
34 required;

1 (c) The possibility of reducing the number and type of repairs and
2 alterations that require a permit, consistent with public health and
3 safety considerations;

4 (d) The appropriateness of the current legal sanction for not
5 obtaining a permit when required; and

6 (e) Any methods, procedures, or changes in the law that can assist
7 mobile/manufactured homeowners in the proper and economical maintenance
8 and improvement of their homes, and the protection of their equity.

9 (4) The task force shall use legislative facilities and staff from
10 senate committee services and the office of program research. Each
11 nonlegislative member of the task force is eligible to be reimbursed
12 for travel expenses in accordance with RCW 43.03.050 and 43.03.060.
13 All expenses of the task force, including travel, shall be paid jointly
14 by the senate and the house of representatives.

15 (5) The task force shall report its findings and recommendations
16 to the legislature by January 1, 2002.

17 (6) This section expires April 1, 2002."

18 Correct the title.

EFFECT: Changes the Senate committee study to a study by a Joint
Legislative Task Force. The task force will include a legislative
member from each caucus of the Senate Labor, Commerce & Financial
Institutions Committee and the House Commerce & Labor Committee
and interested parties.