

HOUSE BILL REPORT

EHB 1369

As Reported by House Committee On:
Commerce & Labor

Title: An act relating to continuing education for land surveyors.

Brief Description: Requiring continuing education for land surveyors.

Sponsors: Representatives Romero and Alexander.

Brief History:

Committee Activity:

Commerce & Labor: 1/15/04 [DPS].

Brief Summary of Substitute Bill

- Requires registered land surveyors to obtain at least 15 hours of continuing professional development per year.

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE & LABOR

Majority Report: The substitute bill be substituted therefor and the substitute bill do pass. Signed by 9 members: Representatives Conway, Chair; Wood, Vice Chair; McMorris, Ranking Minority Member; Condotta, Assistant Ranking Minority Member; Crouse, Holmquist, Hudgins, Kenney and McCoy.

Staff: Susan Kavanaugh (786-7106).

Background:

Land surveyors must be registered in order to practice land surveying in Washington State. The state Board of Registration for Engineers and Land Surveyors (Board), through the Department of Licensing, Business and Professions Division, regulates the practice of land surveying in Washington. Candidates for registration must have graduated from an approved program, have eight years of work experience, and have passed the required examinations. Currently there are approximately 1,440 registered land surveyors.

The National Council of Examiners for Engineering and Surveying is an organization composed of the professional regulatory boards of all states. This organization has

drafted model rules requiring that licensees complete 15 hours of continuing professional development each year. Seminars, workshops, college courses, professional or technical presentations, publishing a paper and various types of video and correspondence courses may all be used to meet this requirement. Most states have adopted these model rules and require continuing professional development for land surveyors.

Summary of Substitute Bill:

By July 1, 2005, the Board must adopt rules generally patterned after the National Council of Examiners for Engineering and Surveying model rules governing continuing professional development.

Beginning July 1, 2006, registered land surveyors who are renewing their registration must verify to the Board that they have completed at least 15 hours of continuing professional development per year.

Substitute Bill Compared to Original Bill:

The date by which the Board must adopt rules governing continuing professional development and the date on which the continuing professional development requirement starts are both moved one year into the future.

Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Available for the original bill.

Effective Date of Substitute Bill: The bill takes effect 90 days after adjournment of session in which bill is passed.

Testimony For: None.

Testimony Against: None.

Persons Testifying: None.

Persons Signed In To Testify But Not Testifying: None.