

HOUSE BILL REPORT

HB 2100

As Passed House:

February 11, 2004

Title: An act relating to the membership of the state building code council.

Brief Description: Adding an ex officio member to the building code council.

Sponsors: By Representatives Romero, Veloria and Wallace; by request of Washington State Patrol.

Brief History:

Committee Activity:

Local Government: 1/14/04, 1/28/04 [DP].

Floor Activity:

Passed House: 2/11/04, 96-0.

Brief Summary of Bill

- Adds the State Director of Fire Protection, as an ex officio nonvoting member, to the State Building Code Council.

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Majority Report: Do pass. Signed by 11 members: Representatives Romero, Chair; Simpson, D., Vice Chair; Schindler, Ranking Minority Member; Jarrett, Assistant Ranking Minority Member; Ahern, Clibborn, Edwards, Ericksen, Mielke, Moeller and Upthegrove.

Staff: Kiki Keizer (786-7109).

Background:

The State Building Code Council (Council) is responsible for reviewing proposed statewide amendments and proposed or enacted local amendments to the state building code. The state building code comprises uniform building, mechanical, fire, and plumbing codes, as adopted in and amended by the Council, as well as rules and regulations adopted by the Council to make buildings and facilities accessible to physically handicapped and elderly persons.

The Council is made up of 15 voting members and five ex officio nonvoting members.

The 15 voting members include: two county-elected legislative body members or elected executives; two city-elected legislative body members or mayors; one local government building code enforcement official; one local government fire service official; seven persons representing various building professions and trades specified by statute; one person with a physical disability representing the disability community; and one person representing the general public. At least six of the 15 voting members live east of the Cascade mountains.

The five ex officio nonvoting members include: two members of the House of Representatives (one from each caucus); two members of the Senate (one from each caucus); and an employee of the Electrical Division of the Department of Labor and Industries.

Summary of Bill:

The ex officio, nonvoting membership of the State Building Code Council is increased from five to six members, with the addition of the State Director of Fire Protection.

Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Not requested.

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

Testimony For: The State Director of Fire Protection would bring to the Council knowledge and experience based on the State Director of Fire Protection's analysis of data collected at every fire in the state. Appointment of the State Director of Fire Protection to the Council would ensure consistency between the state building code and the fire codes that the State Director of Fire Protection is charged with adopting.

Testimony Against: None.

Persons Testifying: (In support) Anjela Foster, State Patrol Fire Marshall.

Persons Signed In To Testify But Not Testifying: (In Support) Tim Nogler, State Building Code Council; Mary Corso, State Patrol Fire Marshall; and Mark Triplett, Washington Association of Building Officials.