

# HOUSE BILL REPORT

## HB 2100

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### As Passed House:

March 13, 2003

**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: 3/3/03, 3/5/03 [DP].

#### Floor Activity:

Passed House: 3/13/03, 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.

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## HOUSE COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

**Majority Report:** Do pass. Signed by 10 members: Representatives Romero, Chair; Upthegrove, Vice Chair; Schindler, Ranking Minority Member; Jarrett, Assistant Ranking Minority Member; Ahern, Berkey, Clibborn, Ericksen, Mielke and Moeller.

**Staff:** Amy Wood (786-7127).

### Background:

The State Building Code Council (SBCC) is responsible for the adoption and maintenance of the various uniform codes that comprise the State Building Code. The State Building Code is a comprehensive set of technical performance standards that guide the construction, reconstruction, rehabilitation, or repair of residential, commercial, and industrial building and structures throughout the state. The SBCC's duties include reviewing all amendments proposed by counties and cities and either approving or denying amendments that apply to single or multifamily (four or fewer units) residential

buildings.

The SBCC consists of 15 members, two who must be county-elected legislative members or elected county executives and two who must be city-elected legislative body members or mayors. One member must be a local government building code enforcement official and one of the members must be a fire service official. The SBCC membership also includes individuals that represent specific specialities within the construction industry. The SBCC includes five ex officio, nonvoting members that consist of 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.

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**Summary of Bill:**

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

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**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 Fire Marshall is responsible for the safety and welfare of the public across the state. It is important that the State Fire Marshal is at the table when the state building codes are being amended or adopted. This will help insure that the codes are integrated and conflicts between the codes are minimalized.

**Testimony Against:** None.

**Testified:** Mary Corso, State Fire Marshall.