

**ESSB 5788** - H COMM AMD

By By Committee on Commerce & Labor

**ADOPTED AS AMENDED 4/6/2007**

1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and insert a new  
2 section to read as follows:

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4 "NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** (1) The department of licensing shall  
5 conduct a study of the home inspector profession and make  
6 recommendations to the legislature as to whether the home inspector  
7 profession should be regulated for the purpose of protecting the  
8 public interest under the criteria set forth in RCW 18.118.010.

9 (2) In conducting the study, the department shall consider the  
10 factors, to the extent appropriate, in RCW 18.118.030.

11 (3) The department must hold public hearings as part of its  
12 study. The department must file notice of the hearings with the  
13 code reviser for publication in the Washington State Register. The  
14 notice must state that information is sought regarding possible  
15 regulation of the home inspector profession; and when, where, and  
16 how public members may present information about the home inspector  
17 profession and possible regulation. The department must request  
18 names of interested individuals and organizations from legislators  
19 and other identified interested parties and send these individuals  
20 and organizations copies of the notice filed with the code reviser.

21 (4) The department shall submit a report detailing its findings  
22 and recommendations under this section to the appropriate  
23 legislative committees by December 1, 2008."

24 Correct the title.

**EFFECT:** Requires the Department of Licensing to conduct a study of the home inspector profession and make recommendations as to whether the profession should be regulated under the

criteria set forth in the sunrise law. Requires the Department to consider the factors in the sunrise law, as appropriate. Requires the Department to hold public hearings and publish notice of the hearings in the Washington State Register, and to obtain names of persons to notify from legislators and other identified interested parties. Provides for the report to be submitted by December 1, 2008.