
**Community & Economic Development &
Trade Committee**

HB 2557

Brief Description: Correcting references regarding the department of commerce.

Sponsors: Representatives Kenney, Chase and Goodman; by request of Statute Law Committee.

Brief Summary of Bill

- Modifies relevant statutes to remove references to the "Department of Community, Trade and Economic Development" and replace them with references to the "Department of Commerce."

Hearing Date: 1/20/10

Staff: Meg Van Schoorl (786-7105).

Background:

In 2009 legislation was enacted to create the Department of Commerce. The legislation changed a number of statutory references from the "Department of Community, Trade, and Economic Development" to the "Department of Commerce," and directed the Code Reviser to prepare legislation for the 2010 regular session changing all statutory references to the Department in the same manner.

Summary of Bill:

References to the "Department of Community, Trade, and Economic Development" are replaced by references to the "Department of Commerce" in chapters pertaining to, among others:

- the State Building Code and energy-related building standards;
- the Washington Technology Center;

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- Washington State University Small Business Development Center, IMPACT Center, and energy-related programs;
- city utility services, affordable housing, public corporations, and fire protection services for state owned facilities;
- growth management planning by selected counties and cities;
- individual development accounts;
- incarcerated parents, community action agencies, nonresidential youth services facilities, and the Building Communities Fund ;
- projects of statewide significance;
- the Economic Development Commission;
- the Small Business Incubator program;
- the Workforce Training and Education Coordinating Board and industry skills panels;
- Community Mobilization Against Substance Abuse;
- community treatment services for victims of sex offenders;
- federally assisted housing; and
- the Housing Finance Commission.

A number of statutes that required reports, studies, tasks and other deliverables by certain statutory deadlines that have passed are decodified. The 2009 statute that created the Department of Commerce, required a report to the Legislature by November 1, 2009, and replaced references to the "Department of Community, Trade and Economic Development" by "Department of Commerce" in a number of statutes is repealed.

Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Not requested.

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