
SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 2214

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By House Local Government (originally sponsored by Representatives Takko and Springer)

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1 AN ACT Relating to the training of code enforcement officials;
2 adding new sections to chapter 49.04 RCW; and creating a new section.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** (1) Statewide training for code officials is
5 an essential element in the health and vitality of the state's
6 construction industry. The recent downturn in the economy has resulted
7 in staff reductions in many local code enforcement offices. With the
8 expected retirement of other senior code officials, there will be a
9 substantial need for training of new code officials as well as
10 continuing training for existing officials. As the economy of the
11 state of Washington improves, it is imperative to have well-trained
12 building inspectors throughout our communities in order to assure
13 timely and consistent inspections so that our construction economy can
14 recover at the most expeditious rate.

15 (2) Because of these issues, the state of Washington approved the
16 creation of the code officials apprenticeship program. Local
17 jurisdictions are less able to consistently pay for and send staff to
18 training in central locations without compromising service levels. The

1 legislature finds that support for technical training and the code
2 officials apprenticeship and training program will provide:

3 (a) Consistent training for code officials for all jurisdictions;

4 (b) Greater uniformity of enforcement of building codes;

5 (c) Education on the implementation of the new energy and green
6 construction codes;

7 (d) Equal access for all jurisdictions to training essential to the
8 efficient and effective discharge of the regulatory function;

9 (e) A reduction of the employment cost burden of local
10 jurisdictions; and

11 (f) Leverage, when possible, of training dollars by taking
12 advantage of the economy of scale presented by a central, organized
13 training curriculum using economies of scale and potential grant funds
14 to supplement code official training.

15 (3) It is the intent of this act to assure that our construction
16 industry and local communities have assurance that code officials have
17 access to current training on the most recent code updates.

18 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** There is imposed a fee of two dollars on
19 each building permit issued by a county or a city. The building permit
20 must be the same type of permit on which a fee may be imposed under RCW
21 19.27.085(3). Quarterly, each county and city must remit moneys
22 collected under this section to the state treasury; however, no
23 remittance is required until a minimum of fifty dollars has accumulated
24 pursuant to this subsection.

25 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** Revenue collected in accordance with section
26 2 of this act and deposited in the code officials apprenticeship and
27 training account in the state treasury must be appropriated to the
28 department of enterprise services for distribution to the sponsor of an
29 apprenticeship program for building officials for the following
30 purposes:

31 (1) Expenses related to the establishment and operation of a code
32 official apprenticeship program;

33 (2) Administrative expenses of the joint apprenticeship training
34 committee for the code official apprenticeship program; and

35 (3) Expenses related to training programs for code officials
36 provided by public or private entities.

1 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** The code officials apprenticeship and
2 training account is created in the state treasury. All receipts from
3 section 2 of this act must be deposited in the account. Moneys in the
4 account may be spent only after appropriation. Expenditures from the
5 account may be used only as provided in section 3 of this act.

6 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 5.** (1) The department of labor and industries
7 must review the code officials apprenticeship and training program and
8 the use of funds collected in accordance with the fee imposed under
9 section 2 of this act. In satisfying the requirements of this section,
10 the department of labor and industries must analyze:

11 (a) Whether and to what extent the purposes enumerated in section
12 1(2) of this act, for which funding support is provided to the code
13 officials apprenticeship and training program, are being furthered or
14 achieved by the program; and

15 (b) The impact the code officials apprenticeship and training
16 program, and the funding support provided under sections 2 and 3 of
17 this act, has had on each of the following:

18 (i) Each county;

19 (ii) Persons of different age groups, races, genders, and income
20 levels; and

21 (iii) Persons who enter the program and, specifically, their
22 ability to obtain employment in their occupational field.

23 (2) In conducting the review, the department of labor and
24 industries must request information from and consult with appropriate
25 stakeholders, including but not limited to the Washington association
26 of building officials, the association of Washington cities, the
27 Washington state association of counties, the state board for community
28 and technical colleges, the state workforce training and education
29 coordinating board, the Washington association of realtors, and the
30 department of commerce.

31 (3) The department of labor and industries must submit a report of
32 its findings to the appropriate committees of the legislature. A
33 preliminary report must be submitted by June 1, 2016, and a final
34 report must be submitted by December 31, 2016.

1 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 6.** Sections 1 through 4 of this act are each
2 added to chapter 49.04 RCW.

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