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1 AN ACT Relating to the state building code council; and amending
2 RCW 19.27.070.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 19.27.070 and 2011 1st sp.s. c 43 s 244 are each
5 amended to read as follows:

6 There is hereby established a state building code council, to be
7 appointed by the governor.

8 (1) The state building code council shall consist of (~~fifteen~~)
9 seventeen members:

10 (a) Two members must be county elected legislative body members or
11 elected executives;

12 (b) Two members must be city elected legislative body members or
13 mayors;

14 (c) One member must be a local government building code enforcement
15 official;

16 (d) One member must be a local government fire service official;

17 (e) One member shall represent general construction, specializing
18 in commercial and industrial building construction;

1 (f) One member shall represent general construction, specializing
2 in residential and multifamily building construction;

3 (g) One member shall represent the architectural design profession;

4 (h) One member shall represent the structural engineering
5 profession;

6 (i) One member shall represent the mechanical engineering
7 profession;

8 (j) One member shall represent the construction building trades;

9 (k) One member shall represent manufacturers, installers, or
10 suppliers of building materials and components;

11 (l) One member must be a person with a physical disability and
12 shall represent the disability community; (~~and~~)

13 (m) One member shall represent the general public;

14 (n) One member shall represent owners and managers of existing
15 rental properties with one to four units; and

16 (o) One member shall represent owners and managers of existing
17 rental properties with five or more units.

18 (2) At least (~~six~~) seven of these (~~fifteen~~) seventeen members
19 shall reside east of the crest of the Cascade mountains.

20 (3) The council shall include: Two members of the house of
21 representatives appointed by the speaker of the house, one from each
22 caucus; two members of the senate appointed by the president of the
23 senate, one from each caucus; and an employee of the electrical
24 division of the department of labor and industries, as ex officio,
25 nonvoting members with all other privileges and rights of membership.

26 (4)(a) Terms of office shall be for three years, or for so long as
27 the member remains qualified for the appointment.

28 (b) The council shall elect a member to serve as chair of the
29 council for one-year terms of office.

30 (c) Any member who is appointed by virtue of being an elected
31 official or holding public employment shall be removed from the council
32 if he or she ceases being such an elected official or holding such
33 public employment.

34 (d) Any member who is appointed to represent a specific private
35 sector industry must maintain sufficiently similar employment or
36 circumstances throughout the term of office to remain qualified to
37 represent the specified industry. Retirement or unemployment is not

1 cause for termination. However, if a councilmember enters into
2 employment outside of the industry he or she has been appointed to
3 represent, then he or she shall be removed from the council.

4 (e) Any member who no longer qualifies for appointment under this
5 section may not vote on council actions, but may participate as an ex
6 officio, nonvoting member until a replacement member is appointed. A
7 member must notify the council staff and the governor's office within
8 thirty days of the date the member no longer qualifies for appointment
9 under this section. The governor shall appoint a qualified replacement
10 for the member within sixty days of notice.

11 (5) Before making any appointments to the building code council,
12 the governor shall seek nominations from recognized organizations which
13 represent the entities or interests identified in this section.

14 (6) Members shall not be compensated but shall receive
15 reimbursement for travel expenses in accordance with RCW 43.03.050 and
16 43.03.060.

17 (7) The department of enterprise services shall provide
18 administrative and clerical assistance to the building code council.

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