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HOUSE BILL 1387

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1            AN ACT Relating to apprenticeship training for building  
2 officials; and adding new sections to chapter 49.04 RCW.

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

4            NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 1.** (1) Education and training for building  
5 officials is essential to public safety and beneficial to the state's  
6 construction industry. With the attrition of senior building  
7 officials in jurisdictions throughout the state, there will be a  
8 substantial need for training of new building officials as well as  
9 continuing training for existing officials. In the interest of public  
10 safety and the vitality of the construction industry in our state, it  
11 is imperative to have well-trained building inspectors throughout our  
12 communities in order to assure safe, timely, and consistent  
13 inspections.

14            (2) The state of Washington has approved the creation of a code  
15 officials apprenticeship program. The legislature finds that support  
16 for technical training and the code officials apprenticeship and  
17 training program will provide:

- 18            (a) Consistent training for code officials for all jurisdictions;  
19            (b) Greater uniformity of enforcement of building codes;  
20            (c) Education on the implementation of the new energy and green  
21 construction codes;

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

3 (e) A reduction of the employment cost burden of local  
4 jurisdictions; and

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

9 (3) It is the intent of this act to assure that the public, the  
10 construction industry, and local communities have assurance that code  
11 officials have access to current training on the most recent code  
12 updates.

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

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

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

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

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

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

1        NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 5.**    Sections 1 through 4 of this act are each  
2    added to chapter 49.04 RCW.

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