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

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 19.27.070 and 2018 c 207 s 3 are each amended to
5 read as follows:

6 There is hereby established in the department of enterprise
7 services a state building code council(~~(, to be appointed by the~~
8 ~~governor)~~).

9 (1) The state building code council shall consist of fifteen
10 members appointed by the governor:

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

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

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

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

18 (e) One member must be a person with a physical disability and
19 shall represent the disability community;

20 (f) One member, who is not eligible for membership on the council
21 in any other capacity, and who has not previously been nominated or

1 appointed to the council to represent any other group, must represent
2 the general public; (~~and~~)

3 (g) Seven members must represent the private sector or
4 professional organizations as follows:

5 (i) One member shall represent general construction, specializing
6 in commercial and industrial building construction;

7 (ii) One member shall represent general construction,
8 specializing in residential and multifamily building construction;

9 (iii) One member shall represent the architectural design
10 profession;

11 (iv) One member shall represent the structural engineering
12 profession;

13 (v) One member shall represent the mechanical engineering
14 profession;

15 (vi) One member shall represent the construction building trades;

16 (vii) One member shall represent manufacturers, installers, or
17 suppliers of building materials and components(~~(-)~~); and

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

20 (~~(+3)~~) (2) The council shall include:

21 (a) Two members of the house of representatives appointed by the
22 speaker of the house, one from each caucus; (~~(two)~~) and

23 (b) Two members of the senate appointed by the president of the
24 senate, one from each caucus(~~(; and)~~).

25 (3) The council also shall include an employee of the electrical
26 division of the department of labor and industries, as an ex officio,
27 nonvoting member(~~(s)~~) with all other privileges and rights of
28 membership.

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

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

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

37 (d) Any member who is appointed to represent a specific private
38 sector industry must maintain sufficiently similar private sector
39 employment or circumstances throughout the term of office to remain
40 qualified to represent the specified industry. Retirement or

1 unemployment is not cause for termination. However, if a
2 councilmember appointed to represent a specific private sector
3 industry enters into employment outside of the industry, or outside
4 of the private sector, he or she has been appointed to represent,
5 then he or she must be removed from the council.

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

13 (5) Before making any appointments to the building code council,
14 the governor shall seek nominations from recognized organizations
15 which represent the entities or interests identified in this section.
16 The governor shall select appointees to represent private sector
17 industries from a list of three nominations provided by the trade
18 associations representing the industry, unless no names are put forth
19 by the trade associations.

20 (6) Members shall not be compensated but shall receive
21 reimbursement for travel expenses in accordance with RCW 43.03.050
22 and 43.03.060.

23 (7) For purposes of this section, a "professional organization"
24 includes an entity whose members are engaged in a particular lawful
25 vocation, occupation, or field of activity of a specialized nature,
26 including but not limited to associations, boards, educational
27 institutions, and nonprofit organizations.

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