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**HOUSE BILL 1150**

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**By** Representatives Hoff and Chapman

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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 15 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)~~) 15 members shall  
19 reside 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 shall also 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~~) 30 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~~) 60 days of  
13 notice.

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

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

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

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