

FINAL BILL REPORT

SB 5508

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Synopsis as Enacted

Brief Description: Promoting local agriculture through greenhouses.

Sponsors: Senators Short, Shewmake, Warnick, Wilson, J. and Wilson, L..

Senate Committee on State Government & Elections
Senate Committee on Agriculture, Water, Natural Resources & Parks
House Committee on Local Government

Background: State Building Code. The State Building Code establishes minimum performance standards and requirements for construction and construction materials in the state, consistent with accepted standards of engineering, fire, and life safety. The code comprises a number of model codes and standards, developed and published by international and national organizations, which are adopted by reference in the State Building Code Act. Model codes and standards adopted in the act include the International Building Code, the International Residential Code, and the International Fire Code standards.

State Building Code Council. The State Building Code Council is responsible for adopting, amending, and maintaining the model codes and standards adopted by reference in the act. Amendments to the model codes and standards adopted by the council are codified in the Washington Administrative Code. The council reviews updated editions of each model code and standard every three years.

Temporary Growing Structures. The State Building Code does not apply to temporary growing structures used solely for the commercial production of horticultural plants including ornamental plants, flowers, vegetables, and fruits. A temporary growing structure is not considered a building for purposes of the State Building Code.

Temporary growing structure means a structure that has the sides and roof covered with polyethylene, polyvinyl, or a similar flexible synthetic material, and is used to provide plants with either frost protection or increased heat retention.

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Summary: The State Building Code does not apply to temporary growing structures used solely for the production of horticultural plants, rather than the commercial production of horticultural plants. A temporary growing structure is not considered a structure under the State Building Code. Temporary growing structure is defined as a structure that has the roof covered, rather than the sides and the roof, with polyethylene, polyvinyl, or a similar flexible synthetic material, and is used to provide plants with either frost protection or increased heat retention.

Votes on Final Passage:

Senate 48 0

House 93 0

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