

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: Minimal fiscal impact, no statement issued

Action: Do Pass with Amendments to the A-Engrossed Measure. (Printed B-Eng.)

Vote: 4 - 0 - 1

Yeas: George, Schrader, Starr, Metsger

Nays: -

Exc.: Verger

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Meeting Dates: 5/18, 5/21

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Establishes 11-member Residential and Manufactured Structures Board to be appointed by the Governor and confirmed by the Senate. Specifies Board membership terms and representation. Abolishes Manufactured Structures and Parks Advisory Board and the Residential Structures Board and transfers their duties, functions, and powers to the Residential and Manufactured Structures Board. Provides for continuation of rules and standards of abolished Boards until superseded. Establishes 7-member Construction Industry Energy Board. Specifies Board membership representation and appointment authority. Authorizes Construction Industry Energy Board to develop proposed state building code standards relating to the efficient use of energy in electrical, structural, prefabricated structure, and low-rise residential code provisions. Declares an emergency, effective July 1, 2009.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Traditional responsibilities of building codes (safety)
- Appropriateness of building code addressing energy conservation
- Efficient administration of single board rather than three boards

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: Adds clarification for ease of transition. Clarifies membership eligibility for Residential and Manufactured Structures Board. Clarifies Construction Industry Energy Board authority. Authorizes Governor and Department to take necessary action prior to effective date.

BACKGROUND: The Building Codes Division of the Department of Consumer and Business Services is assisted by six boards appointed by the Governor and one board established by the department. HB 2950-B merges two of the boards – the Manufactured Structures and Parks Advisory Board and the Residential Structures Board – into the Residential and Manufactured Structures Board, and establishes the Construction Industry Energy Board.

The duties of the Residential and Manufactured Structures Board include advising on the administration of building codes governing low-rise residential dwellings and manufactured structures. The Board consists of eleven members: a residential construction contractor, a residential remodeling contractor, a multi-family residential construction contractor, an architect or home designer, a building official, a structural engineer, a public member, and representatives of residential building trade subcontractors, utility or energy suppliers, manufactured structures, and low-income housing.

The focus of the Construction Industry Energy Board is to expedite the development of building code provisions addressing energy efficiency and energy conservation. The board consists of seven members: two members from the division's Electrical and Elevator Board who have practical experience in the electrical industry, two members from the Residential and Manufactured Structures board who have practical experience in the residential structure or manufactured structure industries, two members from the Building Codes Structures Board who have practical experience in construction, and one member who is either an employee or officer of the Department of Energy.

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