

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: Fiscal statement issued

Action:	Do Pass as Amended and Be Printed Engrossed
Vote:	10 - 0 - 0
Yeas:	Barton, Cameron, Edwards C., Esquivel, Holvey, Kennemer, Matthews, Thatcher, Witt, Schaufler
Nays:	0
Exc.:	0
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Meeting Dates:	4/6, 4/27

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Allows the Department of Consumer and Business Services' Building Codes Division, with the advice of appropriate advisory boards, to adopt rules that establish one or more programs to train, qualify, and certify an individual as a specialized building inspector authorized to enforce portions of specialty codes. Establishes certificate renewal requirements. Provides authority for issuing a certificate as a specialized building inspector. Outlines duties of an individual certified as a specialized building inspector. Outlines requirements for the division to provide training opportunities. Allows a fee to be charged if an applicant is required to pass an examination prior to certification, for a renewal application, and participation in approved or established training programs. Establishes a sunset date of January 2nd, 2016. Requires a certificate to be in effect until the earlier of the certificate's expiration term or January 2nd, 2018.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Benefits of additional inspectors on projects and additional education and cross-training opportunities for building inspectors
- Current certification programs
- Ability of finding trained inspectors in rural areas
- Level of input from current Building Codes Division advisory boards

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: Replaces the measure.

BACKGROUND: HB 3462-A allows the Building Codes Division to adopt rules that allow for a pilot program that cross-trains building instructors to be qualified to provide inspections in more than one specialty code. Some areas of the state have access to building inspectors in various specialty codes, while others have limited availability. In addition, changes to the number of current specialized building inspectors, such as retirement, may further limit the availability of inspectors.

The measure outlines requirements that may be included in administrative rule, such as work experience, content and presentation requirements, and reasonable requirements for administering and enforcing the programs, as well as the duties of a specialized building inspector who has been certified under the pilot program.