

STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Senate Committee On Business and Transportation

Fiscal: Has minimal fiscal impact

Revenue: No Revenue Impact

Action Date: 04/29/15

Action: Do Pass.

Meeting Dates: 04/29

Vote:

Yeas: 5 - Beyer, Girod, Monroe, Riley, Thomsen

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Authorizes Department of Consumer and Business Services to enter into interagency agreements with Construction Contractors Board for Board to perform duties on behalf of Department related to state building code. Authorizes Construction Contractors Board to enter into interagency agreements with Department of Consumer and Business Services for Department to perform duties on behalf of Board. Declares emergency, effective upon passage.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Sharing of resources between government agencies for efficiency purposes
- Broad industry support for consolidation and coordination

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

The Building Codes Division of the Department of Consumer and Business Services (DCBS) adopts and administers uniform statewide building codes, provides interpretation and enforcement of building codes, certifies inspectors and assists local governments, and licenses specialty contractors such as electricians and plumbers. The Construction Contractors Board (CCB) licenses people working for compensation in construction involving improvement to real property, including activities such as roofing, siding, painting, carpentry, plumbing, electrical work and home inspections. The CCB investigates reports of unlicensed activity on construction sites and engages in dispute resolution between consumers and contractors. House Bill 2843 authorizes DCBS and CCB to enter into interagency agreements to perform certain duties on each other's behalf, and provides terms for such agreements related to the use of each other's employees and information to carry out work under interagency agreements, the sharing of resources, the acceptance and transfer of fees and the reimbursement of expenses.