

## **HB 2907 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY**

### **House Committee On Business and Labor**

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#### **WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:**

Provides that specialized building inspector can be appointed by municipality to administer and enforce parts of the specialty code. Allows certification of appointed building inspector to perform inspections in building code administration regions.

#### **ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

#### **EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:**

No amendment.

#### **BACKGROUND:**

A pilot program was created in 2009 (House Bill 3462) with the intent to cross-train building inspectors so an inspector could perform an inspection in more than one specialty code. These inspectors are referred to as specialized building inspectors. The pilot program (which was scheduled to sunset on 2016) was designed to address the shortage in some regions of the state of building inspectors in various specialty codes. Legislation in 2013 (House Bill 2698) eliminated the sunset date of the pilot program, thereby continuing the training, qualification, and certification of specialized building inspectors. The 2013 legislation also specified the authority of the Director of Department of Consumer and Business Services to certify building inspectors in multiple specialty codes or parts of specialty code and allowed the certification of building inspectors to perform inspections throughout a building code administrative region. This language had the effect of requiring the specialized building code inspector to be an employee of the municipality for which it was performing inspections.

House Bill 2907 allows specialized building inspectors to be third-party contractors with a municipality rather than employees of the municipality.