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1 AN ACT Relating to radon testing required by the state building
2 code council; adding a new section to chapter 19.27 RCW; and creating
3 a new section.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature has required the state
6 building code council to establish interim requirements for the
7 maintenance of indoor air quality, including requirements that in areas
8 of the state where monitored data indicate action is necessary to
9 inhibit indoor radon gas contamination from exceeding appropriate
10 health standards, entry of radon gas into homes shall be minimized
11 through appropriate foundation construction measures.

12 The data available to identify the areas of the state where action
13 is necessary is inadequate and incomplete. An effective radon testing
14 program is a worthwhile task for the state to undertake because the

1 state would benefit from more complete data before long-term standards
2 or requirements for radon mitigation are put in place in 1993.

3 The task of gathering data will best be undertaken by a state
4 agency and local governments and should not rely on private industry to
5 be responsible for the gathering of such important information. The
6 possibility for error will decrease if a testing program is endorsed
7 and supported by the credibility of state and local government.

8 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 19.27 RCW
9 to read as follows:

10 The building code council shall administer a radon testing program
11 for the state of Washington. If radon test kits are required for newly
12 constructed residential buildings, the building code council shall
13 supply them. The test kits may be distributed through the building
14 departments of local governments, but neither the building code council
15 nor any local government may require that kits be provided by private
16 industry.

17 Funding for radon test kits may be obtained from either state or
18 federal funding sources. If funding is not available, kits shall not
19 be required for newly constructed residential buildings.