

HOUSE BILL REPORT

HB 1888

As Reported by House Committee On:
Local Government & Housing

Title: An act relating to repealing RCW 46.12.295.

Brief Description: Repealing RCW 46.12.295.

Sponsors: Representatives Springer and Angel.

Brief History:

Committee Activity:

Local Government & Housing: 2/9/09, 2/11/09 [DP].

Brief Summary of Bill

- Removes titling functions for mobile homes from the Department of Community, Trade and Economic Development.
- Returns these functions to the Department of Licensing.

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT & HOUSING

Majority Report: Do pass. Signed by 9 members: Representatives Simpson, Chair; Nelson, Vice Chair; Angel, Ranking Minority Member; Ericksen, Assistant Ranking Minority Member; Cox, Miloscia, Short, Springer and White.

Staff: Sara del Moral (786-7291) and Thamas Osborn (786-7129)

Background:

Until 1990 mobile homes were regulated by two state agencies, the Department of Licensing (DOL) and the Department of Labor and Industries (L&I). The DOL regulated the titling of mobile homes, while the L&I's duties included enforcement of the building code.

In 1990 the Legislature passed acts transferring all duties related to mobile homes to the Department of Community, Trade and Economic Development (DCTED). The DCTED fulfilled this duty by contracting with the DOL and the L&I to continue to provide their respective services.

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In 2007 the Legislature passed an act transferring the responsibility for functions being performed by the DCTED back to the L&I.

The DCTED continues to administer mobile home titling functions by contracting with the DOL for the service.

Summary of Bill:

The law transferring titling functions for mobile homes from the DOL to DCTED is repealed.

Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Not requested.

Effective Date: The bill takes effect 90 days after adjournment of the session in which the bill is passed.

Staff Summary of Public Testimony:

(In support) Twenty years ago, titling responsibilities were transferred from the DOL to the DCTED. Since then, the DCTED has contracted with the DOL for the service. This is just a technical cleanup of the law.

(Opposed) None.

Persons Testifying: Representative Springer, prime sponsor; Eric Andersen, Department of Licensing; and Mike Ryherd, Northwest Housing Association.

Persons Signed In To Testify But Not Testifying: None.