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Synopsis as Enacted

Brief Description: Regarding membership on the state building code council.

Sponsors: House Committee on Local Government & Housing (originally sponsored by Representatives Dammeier, Hasegawa, Hunt, Armstrong, Short, Kristiansen, Springer, Kelley, Morrell, Pearson, Chase and Kretz).

House Committee on Local Government & Housing Senate Committee on Government Operations & Elections

Background:

The State Building Code Council (Council) is responsible for the adoption and maintenance of the various building, residential, fire, and other model codes that comprise the State Building Code (SBC).

The Council is comprised of 15 members, who are appointed by the Governor.

The Council must consist of various specified representatives of local governments, as well as representatives from building construction industries, the architectural design, structural engineering, mechanical engineering, and building materials and components professions. The Council must also include one representative from communities of persons with disabilities and one representative of the general public.

The Council includes five ex officio, nonvoting members, including two members of the House of Representatives, two members of the Senate, and one employee of the electrical division of the Department of Labor and Industries.

The Governor must seek nominations from recognized organizations with an interest in the building construction trade or industry before making appointments to the Council for representatives of private sector industries. Members serve three-year terms on the Council.

Summary:

Any Council member appointed to represent a specific private sector industry must maintain similar employment throughout his or her term on the Council. Retirement or unemployment

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may not be cause for termination from the Council. Any Council member who begins employment outside the industry that he or she was appointed to represent may not vote on Council actions, but may participate as an ex officio, nonvoting member until a replacement member has been appointed.

The departing member must notify the Council staff and the Governor's Office within 30 days of the date of new employment outside the specific industry. The Governor must appoint a replacement member within 60 days upon receiving notification that a Council member is no longer qualified to serve on the Council.

Votes on Final Passage:

House 97 0 Senate 48 0 (Senate amended)

House 94 0 (House concurred)

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