

# SENATE BILL REPORT

## SB 6043

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As of February 19, 2009

**Title:** An act relating to requiring wood framing used in residential construction be tested for maximum allowable moisture content prior to enclosing the framing.

**Brief Description:** Requiring wood framing used in residential construction be tested for maximum allowable moisture content prior to enclosing the framing.

**Sponsors:** Senator Tom.

**Brief History:**

**Committee Activity:** Labor, Commerce & Consumer Protection: 2/19/09.

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### SENATE COMMITTEE ON LABOR, COMMERCE & CONSUMER PROTECTION

**Staff:** Alison Mendiola (786-7483)

**Background:** The State Building Code Council is a state agency created by the Legislature to provide independent analysis and objective advice to the Legislature and the Governor's Office on State Building Code issues. The Council establishes the minimum building, mechanical, fire, plumbing, and energy code requirements necessary to promote the health, safety and welfare of the people of the state of Washington, by reviewing, developing, and adopting the State Building Code.

**Summary of Bill:** The State Building Code Council must adopt rules requiring that natural or manufactured wood framing members in residential construction be tested by a special inspector or the local building jurisdiction for maximum allowable moisture content prior to enclosing the framing.

The rules adopted must provide for a maximum percentage of moisture allowed, the standards that need to be applied during testing, and procedures for retesting the structure if the moisture content exceeds the maximum allowable amount at the time of inspection.

The rules may include a requirement that the special inspector be tested and certified by the Washington Association of Building Officials Certification and Registration Program and be approved by the local building official.

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After the inspection, the special inspector must provide a certificate of compliance to the local building official showing compliance with the requirements established and rules adopted.

**Appropriation:** None.

**Fiscal Note:** Available.

**Committee/Commission/Task Force Created:** No.

**Effective Date:** Ninety days after adjournment of session in which bill is passed.