

2494-S

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Brief Title: Developing housing for temporary workers.

**HB 2494-S - DIGEST**

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Directs the department of health to adopt by rule a temporary worker building code in conformance with the temporary worker housing standards developed under the Washington industrial safety and health act, chapter 49.17 RCW, the rules adopted by the state board of health under RCW 70.54.110, and the designated guidelines.

Requires that, by December 1, 1998, the department of labor and industries shall adopt rules requiring electricity in all temporary worker housing and establishing minimum requirements to ensure the safe storage, handling, and preparation of food in these camps, regardless of whether individual or common cooking facilities are in use.

Provides that, beginning in fiscal year 1999 and each fiscal year thereafter, the state treasurer shall transfer two million dollars from the general fund to the housing trust fund. The funds transferred under this section are provided solely to the department of community, trade, and economic development for the development of housing for low-income farm workers.

Repeals RCW 70.114A.080.