

6168-S2

Sponsor(s): Senate Committee on Ways & Means (originally sponsored by Senators Prentice, Rasmussen, Hale, Sellar, T. Sheldon, Wood, McAuliffe, Kohl, Anderson, Benton and Winsley; by request of Governor Locke)

Brief Title: Developing housing for temporary workers.

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(DIGEST AS ENACTED)

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.

Requires any person providing temporary worker housing consisting of five or more dwelling units, or any combination of dwelling units, dormitories, or spaces that house ten or more occupants, or any person providing temporary worker housing who makes the election to comply with the temporary worker building code under this act, to secure an annual operating license prior to occupancy and to pay a fee according to RCW 43.70.340. The license shall be conspicuously displayed on site.

Provides for civil penalties for a failure to comply with requirements of the act.

Provides that a farmworker housing advisory group representing growers, farmworkers, and other interested parties shall be formed to assist the department in the review and priority funding recommendations under this act.

Repeals RCW 70.114A.080.