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3 By Senators Hargrove and Prentice

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5 Strike everything after the enacting clause and insert the
6 following:

7 NEW SECTION. Sec. 1. The labor, commerce, and financial
8 institutions committee of the Senate shall conduct a study of the
9 problems of owners of mobile/manufactured homes in connection with
10 obtaining the necessary permits for repair, remodel, maintenance and
11 alteration of their homes. The committee shall enlist the assistance
12 of mobile/manufactured home owners, mobile/manufactured home mortgage
13 lenders, the department of labor and industries, and other state or
14 local government agencies as needed.

15 The study shall address the following issues:

16 (1) The fact that many mobile/manufactured home owners have
17 performed alterations or repairs to their homes without obtaining the
18 required permits with the result that potential buyers may be unable to
19 obtain mortgage financing from the usual sources;

20 (2) The costs associated with obtaining required permits,
21 particularly on those occasions when an engineering analysis is
22 required;

23 (3) The possibility of reducing the number and type of repairs and
24 alterations that require a permit, consistent with public health and
25 safety considerations;

26 (4) The appropriateness of the current legal sanction for not
27 obtaining a permit when required, which is that the home may not be
28 sold;

29 (5) Any methods, procedures, or changes in the law that can assist
30 mobile/manufactured home owners in the proper and economical
31 maintenance and improvement of their homes, and the protection of their
32 equity.

33 NEW SECTION. Sec. 2. The committee shall complete the study and
34 develop any recommended legislation prior to the beginning of the 2002
35 legislative session.

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EFFECT: Directs a study to be conducted of mobile/manufactured home alteration and repair permit problems.