

State Government Committee

HB 1183

Brief Description: *Requiring state agencies to prepare housing impact statements.*

Sponsors: *Representatives Miloscia, McMorris, Haigh and Crouse.*

Brief Summary of Bill

- *Requires agencies to prepare housing impact statements for rules that have disproportionate impacts on housing.*

Hearing Date: *2/19/01*

Staff: *Jim Morishima (786-7191).*

Background:

As part of the rule-making process, an agency must prepare a small business economic impact statement (SBEIS) if 1) the rule would impose more than minor costs on businesses in an industry, or 2) the Joint Administrative Rules Review Committee requests the agency to do so.

The SBEIS must analyze the compliance costs of the rule including lost revenue or sales, and increased labor, equipment, supply, or administrative costs. The SBEIS must determine whether the rule has a disproportionate impact on small businesses. If the rule has such an impact, the agency must, where legal and feasible, reduce the costs on small businesses. The steps the agency has taken to reduce such costs must be listed in the SBEIS.

Summary of Bill:

As part of the rule-making process, an agency must prepare a housing impact statement (HIS) if the rule would have a significant adverse impact on housing. The Department of Community, Trade, and Economic Development must develop guidelines to determine whether a proposed rule would have a significant adverse impact on housing.

The HIS must analyze the compliance costs of the rule in the same manner as a SBEIS. If the rule does have a significant adverse impact on housing, the agency must, where legal and feasible, reduce the significant adverse impact. The steps the agency has taken to reduce the impact must be listed in the HIS.

Rulemaking Authority: *No express authority.*

Appropriation: *None.*

Fiscal Note: *Not Requested.*

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