
SENATE BILL 5882

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1 AN ACT Relating to education and training for building officials;
2 and adding new sections to chapter 49.04 RCW.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** (1) Education and training for building
5 officials is essential to public safety and beneficial to the state's
6 construction industry. With the attrition of senior building
7 officials in jurisdictions throughout the state, there will be a
8 substantial need for training of new building officials as well as
9 continuing training for existing officials. In the interest of public
10 safety and the vitality of the construction industry in our state, it
11 is imperative to have well-trained building inspectors throughout our
12 communities in order to assure safe, timely, and consistent
13 inspections.

14 (2) The state of Washington has approved the creation of a code
15 officials apprenticeship program. The legislature finds that support
16 for technical training and the code officials apprenticeship and
17 training program will provide:

- 18 (a) Consistent training for code officials for all jurisdictions;
19 (b) Greater uniformity of enforcement of building codes;
20 (c) Education on the implementation of the new energy and green
21 construction codes;

1 (d) Equal access for all jurisdictions to training essential to
2 the efficient and effective discharge of the regulatory function;

3 (e) A reduction of the employment cost burden of local
4 jurisdictions; and

5 (f) Leverage, when possible, of training dollars by taking
6 advantage of the economy of scale presented by a central, organized
7 training curriculum using economies of scale and potential grant
8 funds to supplement code official training.

9 (3) It is the intent of this act to assure that the public, the
10 construction industry, and local communities have assurance that code
11 officials have access to current training on the most recent code
12 updates.

13 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** There is imposed a fee of two dollars on
14 each building permit issued by a county or a city. The building
15 permit must be the same type of permit on which a fee may be imposed
16 under RCW 19.27.085(3). Quarterly, each county and city must remit
17 moneys collected under this section to the state treasury. However,
18 no remittance is required until a minimum of fifty dollars has
19 accumulated pursuant to this section.

20 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** Revenue collected in accordance with
21 section 2 of this act and deposited in the code officials
22 apprenticeship and training account in the state treasury must be
23 appropriated to the department of enterprise services for
24 distribution to the sponsor of an apprenticeship program for building
25 officials for the following purposes:

26 (1) Expenses related to the establishment and operation of a code
27 official apprenticeship program;

28 (2) Administrative expenses of the joint apprenticeship training
29 committee for the code official apprenticeship program; and

30 (3) Expenses related to training programs for code officials
31 provided by public or private entities.

32 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** The code officials apprenticeship and
33 training account is created in the state treasury. All receipts from
34 section 2 of this act must be deposited in the account. Moneys in the
35 account may be spent only after appropriation. Expenditures from the
36 account may be used only as provided in section 3 of this act.

1 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 5.** Sections 1 through 4 of this act are each
2 added to chapter 49.04 RCW.

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