
Commerce & Labor Committee

HB 1945

Brief Description: Providing assistance in identifying recalled sprinkler system parts.

Sponsors: Representatives Holmquist, Simpson, Curtis, Condotta, Dunshee and Darneille.

Brief Summary of Bill

- Authorizes use of the Fire Protection Contractor License Fund to provide assistance in identifying fire sprinkler system components that are subject to a recall or a voluntary replacement program.

Hearing Date: 2/21/05

Staff: Jill Reinmuth (786-7134).

Background:

The state director of fire protection (the state fire marshal) administers licensing and certification requirements and sets license and certificate fees for fire sprinkler contractors and fire sprinkler certificate of competency holders. Contractors pay initial application fees ranging from \$35 to \$500, and annual fees ranging from \$100 to \$1500. (Contractor license fees vary depending on the level of licensing.) Certificate holders pay initial application fees of \$25, and annual fees of \$25. These fees are deposited into the Fire Protection Contractor License Fund. This fund is used only for purposes of licensing and regulating fire protection sprinkler system contractors. It is subject to allotment, but not appropriation.

Summary of Bill:

The purposes for which the Fire Protection Contractor License Fund may be used are broadened. This fund may be used for providing certain types of assistance in identifying fire sprinkler system components that are subject to a recall or a voluntary replacement program, as well as for licensing and regulating fire protection sprinkler system contractors.

Rules Authority: The bill does not contain provisions addressing the rule-making powers of an agency.

Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Requested on February 17, 2005.

Effective Date: The bill takes effect 90 days after adjournment of session in which bill is passed.