

1 **ESB 5280 - H COMM AMD ADOPTED 4-17-93**

2 By Committee on Commerce & Labor

3 Strike everything after the enacting clause and insert the
4 following:

5 "NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The director of the department of
6 labor and industries shall conduct a study to determine whether
7 there is a need for increased regulation, such as a voluntary
8 certificate of competency program, of general and specialty
9 contractors registered under chapter 18.27 RCW. In conducting the
10 study, the director shall consult with representatives of the
11 following construction classifications: Commercial/retail
12 construction; highway/industrial construction; municipal/utility
13 construction; marine construction; residential single-family
14 construction; and residential multifamily construction. The
15 director shall also consult with representatives of state and local
16 governmental agencies and members of the general public who are
17 familiar with the business and trade of construction.

18 No later than February 1, 1994, the director shall present
19 findings and recommendations to the appropriate legislative
20 committees concerning whether contractors should be subject to
21 increased regulation by the state, such as a voluntary certificate
22 of competency program.

23 The study and recommendations of the director shall be guided
24 by the principle that increased regulation by the state is
25 appropriate only when: Unregulated practice can clearly harm or
26 endanger the health, safety, or welfare of the public, and the
27 potential harm is easily recognizable and not remote or dependent
28 upon tenuous argument; the public needs and can reasonably be
29 expected to benefit from an assurance of initial and continuing
30 professional responsibility; and the public cannot be effectively

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1 protected by other means in a more cost-beneficial manner."

EFFECT: Requires the Department of Labor & Industries to conduct a study to determine whether increased regulation of contractors is appropriate and to report its findings to the legislature by February 1, 1994.