HOUSE BILL ANALYSIS HB 1052

Brief Description: Creating accounts for certain programs.

Sponsors: Conway and Clements

Hearing: January 27, 1999

BACKGROUND:

The Department of Labor and Industries regulates many different trades and industries. Three of these are construction contractors, factory assembled structures, and elevator systems. In these industries the department registers contractors, regulates certain aspects of the manufacture of factory assembled structures, such as mobile homes, commercial coaches, recreational vehicles and factory assembled housing, and inspects elevators.

Registration, inspection, or permit fees are collected from all three trades. In addition, the department can impose penalties on individuals that violate the department's health and safety rules for each industry. These fees and penalties are paid into the state general fund. From the general fund, the Legislature appropriates funds each biennium to cover the enforcement and administration costs of these programs.

SUMMARY OF BILL:

Three dedicated accounts are created. A dedicated account is created for the contractor registration program, the factory assembled structures program, and the elevator inspection program. All receipts from penalties, permit fees, contractor registration fees, and inspection fees collected under these programs will be deposited in the respective account.

Expenditures from the accounts must be appropriated by the Legislature, but may be spent only for furthering the purposes of each respective program. All surpluses and interest generated by each program will be placed back in that program's dedicated account.

RULES AUTHORITY: The bill does not contain provisions addressing the rule making powers of an agency.

FISCAL NOTE: Not requested.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Ninety days after adjournment of a session in which bill is passed.