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By Representatives Appleton and Hasegawa

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1            AN ACT Relating to contractor registration qualifications; adding  
2 a new section to chapter 18.27 RCW; and providing an expiration date.

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

4            NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 18.27 RCW  
5 to read as follows:

6            (1) The legislature finds that a significant cause of the problems  
7 consumers face in residential construction is poor workmanship. The  
8 legislature further finds that one of the most effective methods for  
9 protecting consumers in the area of residential construction is to  
10 ensure that contractors have the experience and skills necessary to  
11 manage all aspects of a construction project. The legislature,  
12 therefore, intends to establish education, experience, and examination  
13 requirements for contractors.

14            (2)(a) The department of labor and industries shall develop  
15 recommendations to the legislature on the education, experience, and  
16 examination requirements for the contractor registration program.

17            (b) In developing recommendations, the department shall closely  
18 involve and consult with stakeholders. The department must also survey

1 education, experience, and examination requirements in other states,  
2 particularly states such as California that require trade specific  
3 competency training.

4 (c) The recommendations must be submitted to the appropriate  
5 committees of the legislature by December 15, 2010.

6 (3) This section expires June 30, 2011.

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