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SUMMARY LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

LOCATION: Department of Enterprise Services, Room 2331
1500 Jefferson Street
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MEETING DATE: January 15, 2016

Agenda Items	Committee Actions/Discussion
	<p><u>Committee Members in Attendance:</u> Leanne Guier, Chair; Steve Simpson, David DeWitte; Duane Jonlin</p> <p><u>Committee Members Absent:</u> Rod Bault, Doug Orth</p> <p><u>Staff in Attendance:</u> Tim Nogler, Managing Director; Krista Braaksma; Joanne McCaughan</p> <p><u>Visitors Present:</u> Jeanette McKague, Robert Heavey, Amy Brackenbury, David Spencer</p>
1. Welcome and Introductions	The meeting was called to order at 11:00 a.m. by Committee Chair Leanne Guier and introductions were made.
2. Review and Approve Agenda	The agenda was approved as written. Tim Nogler noted the bills of interest were those listed in the tracking log sent out with the agenda.
3. Legislative Update Bills of Interest HB 2303 Adopting the WUIC	<p>Tim Nogler noted a bill tracking log was sent out with the agenda for today's meeting. Krista Braaksma noted a bill was added to the list this morning, HB 2579. Tim took the Committee through the list of bills.</p> <p>Tim also noted that he will be monitoring the hearings over the internet. Most of the hearings are streamed live over TVW, or are available as recordings after the fact.</p> <p>Tim noted this bill had a hearing earlier this week. There was some concern voiced regarding the cost of implementation. This is a code currently adopted as an appendix chapter to the IFC, available for local adoption. The Council went through the review and adoption process in association with the rulemaking on the fire code. Tim estimated it would take approximately 0.25 to 0.33 of an FTE to support the code, along with some additional administrative support. His analysis also stated a neutral position on the bill. One of the questions asked by the House Local Government Committee was how this code affected existing construction. Tim said it would not apply, unless the local jurisdiction determined there was a distinct hazard.</p> <p>Dave DeWitte asked how widely the code was adopted. Joanne McCaughan responded that her informal survey of jurisdictions showed about 10-12 that adopted the code. Tim noted both Kittitas and Yakima County adopted the</p>

[SB 6226](#)
[HB 2508](#)
Adopting the IPC

WUIC.

The Committee debated taking a position on the bill. Steve Simpson suggested going back to the full Council to determine a position, so the Committee could receive input from the fire service representative. Tim said the Council usually gives the Committee the authority to adopt positions on bills, given the short timeframe they're working with, but that was not addressed at the January meeting. It was suggested this issue be added to the agenda for the upcoming Special Meeting. Tim said he would look into it.

Krista mentioned [HB 2579](#), Prefire mitigation, which has the State Fire Marshal's office promoting the WUIC for local adoption as a tool for fire mitigation. The bill also includes funding through a tax on fire insurance.

Similar to the last bill, this one adds the International Plumbing Code to the list of under RCW 19.27.031, as a subsection under the UPC and as an alternate plumbing code. The topic has been an issue in front of the Council for some time. The last section of the bills states the Council may not expend resources to make any amendments to the 2015 IPC. The two bills are not exactly the same, but the impact on the Council is the same. Staff performed a bill analysis and fiscal note on the bills. Tim noted there has already been code development on the 2018 IPC at ICC last year and it will be available next year. The assumption for the fiscal note is there would be no impact this fiscal year—there would simply be this other code available—but there would be impact in ensuing biennia. It would be another code to review and amend. This would entail more work than the WUIC, which is more of an appendix to the IFC. There was a hearing this week on the Senate bill. There was support from the sponsors. The committee had questions about ICC and how the code development and adoption process works. There were also a number of organizations opposed to the bill. The most common concern was having two codes available statewide. The industry needs some uniformity of requirements across the state. The cost issues were also discussed. The House bill does not have the section pertaining to the L&I certification and testing. Krista noted L&I stated that if the Senate bill were to pass, there would be no certified plumbers in the state when the bill went into effect; they would need additional time to implement the legislation.

Committee members voiced concerns on cost issues. Steve asked how the IPC would interact with the state amendments. Krista felt the amendments would not apply to the IPC and that would cause some inconsistencies with other state agency regulations. Dave Spencer noted that the code could be amended at the local level, as long as it was more stringent. He also noted that WABO supported the idea of local authority to adopt but did not actively support the bill based on the last section.

The Committee debated taking a position to oppose the bill. Tim stated that state agencies can and are expected to take positions from their viewpoint on legislation. In the past, the Council gave authority to the Legislative Committee to act on their behalf during session, but that action was not taken at the January 8 meeting. It was suggested this issue also be added to the agenda for the special meeting.

<p><u>HB 2359</u> Obsolete provisions</p> <p><u>HB 2430</u> Water conservation standards</p> <p><u>SB 6284/</u> <u>HB 2503</u> Multi-purpose sprinkler systems</p> <p>Other non-impact bills</p>	<p>Krista said Section 54 of this bill removes a section of the Energy Code Act pertaining to utility payments. The section expired in 1996. The Committee requested this bill be removed from the tracking log.</p> <p>This bill is request legislation from the Department of Commerce. It directs the Building Code Council to go into rulemaking to revise the water conservation provisions for plumbing fixtures—which have actually been in effect since 1993. There have been a number of bills over the past few sessions attempting to amend those provisions. The fiscal note showed no fiscal impact; the requirements are set out in the standard so no development needs to be done. It would be part of the adoption of the 2018 code. Tim did note there seems to be some discrepancies within the bill regarding dates. It was determined this bill is pretty much a housekeeping issue and should be monitored.</p> <p>This bill is short; it prohibits water-sewer districts from prohibiting multi-purpose fire sprinklers, or requiring additional meters, in IRC buildings. It doesn't direct the Council to do anything, but it would have an indirect impact in looking at the issue of fire sprinklers. It addresses the issue of cost for hook-up. Dave Spencer noted WABO sponsored this bill and was continuing to work on language. The intent is to eliminate requirements for backflow protection or meters. There are still districts requiring those items and imposing the extra costs. Duane Jonlin noted he would like to hear from water districts on this bill. The Committee asked that this bill continue to be monitored.</p> <p><u>SB 6276</u>, Energy efficiency incentives, has the Department of Commerce working on a pilot program to provide tax breaks on existing affordable housing that goes through energy efficiency retrofits. Commerce is tasked with developing selection criteria and appropriate green building standards to be used.</p> <p><u>HB 2579</u>, Prefire mitigation, was mentioned earlier.</p> <p>The Committee asked that both these bills be monitored.</p>
<p>4. Other Business</p>	<p>Tim stated Representative Senn has been working on the fee issue and has drafted proviso language to add to the budget to address some of the concerns. Representatives Buys and Senn met with stakeholders and people are on board with reintroducing the fee bill or working it through the budget. Representative Senn said there were some process issues discussed and they looked at funding for the interim. There is an idea that there would be legislation next year on process issues and funding. Staff will post information as soon as it is available. Steve suggested adding this item to the special meeting as well. Leanne asked if one of the legislators would be available to provide a briefing at the meeting. Tim said he would see what could be done.</p> <p>Tim announced that Sandra Romero has resigned from the Council but will continue to participate as time permits until a replacement appointment can be made; however, she will not be able to participate on the Legislative Committee.</p>
<p>5. Adjourn</p>	<p>There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:10 p.m.</p>