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SUMMARY LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

LOCATION: Department of Enterprise Services, Room 2330
1500 Jefferson Street
Olympia, Washington 98501

MEETING DATE: March 4, 2016

Agenda Items	Committee Actions/Discussion
	<p><u>Committee Members in Attendance:</u> Leanne Guier, Committee Chair; Steve Simpson, Council Chair; Doug Orth; Dave DeWitte; Duane Jonlin</p> <p><u>Committee Members Absent:</u> Rod Bault</p> <p><u>Staff in Attendance:</u> Tim Nogler, Krista Braaksma, Joanne McCaughan</p> <p><u>Visitors Present:</u> Dave Spencer</p>
1. Welcome and Introductions	The meeting was called to order at 11:00 a.m. by Committee Chair Leanne Guier. Introductions were made.
2. Review and Approve Agenda	The agenda was approved as written.
3. Review and Approve Minutes	The minutes of the February 19, 2016, meeting were approved as written.
4. Legislative Update	<p>Leanne asked Tim Nogler to review the bills remaining on the tracking log. Tim began with the SBCC bills sponsored by the legislative members of the Council. The House version of the State Building Code Council bill, 2841, was passed out of the Senate on floor vote yesterday. The Senate version, 6525, is on the calendar for floor vote by the House today. The fee section of the bill has gone back and forth. Right now, the Senate version was amended by the House to reinstate the temporary fee increase while the House version was amended by the Senate to remove the section. If the bill is passed out of the House, it would go to conference committee to come to some agreement on the bill. That must happen sometime before sine die next Thursday.</p> <p>Dave DeWitte asked if both bills included the sunset provision on membership. Tim replied that right now it is only in the House version. That would be something that would need to be coordinated in conference.</p> <p>Doug Orth asked if it was possible there would be an extension of the session. Tim said it was very unlikely there would be a special session this year. He also noted he was unsure if the conference committee could consider bills after sine die. But the Council would know the outcome by next Friday and it will be an item of discussion at the Council meeting.</p>

<p>Other Bills</p>	<p>Duane Jonlin asked if DES would step forward to provide administrative support if the bill were not to pass. Tim said that administrative support has traditionally not been seen as funding. They may provide some staff support, but it would need to come out of existing DES staff and budget.</p> <p>Doug asked if other funding sources were available and if the staff had explored those options. Tim replied that the Governor and OFM were aware of the Council's funding problems and have offered no other source. The Council needs to work within its budget. The budget is being tracked closely by the DES Finance office. We are currently getting close to the redline point, which is less than two months' operating budget. When the Council reaches that point, something must be done to address it, to avoid getting into a negative fund balance.</p> <p>Duane said he is troubled by the fact the fund has not recovered to pre-recession levels yet despite the amount of construction going on around the state. Tim said staff will continue to work with the State Auditor's office to get Fund 084 added to their local government audit process.</p> <p>House bill 2929, stating that temporary homeless housing on religious property cannot be required to install sprinklers or emergency escape and rescue windows, is also on the Senate floor. Tim was unsure if it was on the calendar for today. Tim did note that today was the cutoff date for a floor vote. This bill would require some amendment to the building code to include those provisions.</p> <p>Senate bill 5271, a state fire marshal statute clean-up bill from last session, is also on the House floor. This bill would help align the building and fire code with the Fire Marshal's WACs by removing citation of NFPA code editions from that statute so they fall back to those adopted through the state building code.</p> <p>Duane asked if this would cause a problem with existing buildings, since the building code usually deals with new construction. Tim said that it would not, since the local fire marshals inspect to the fire code. .</p> <p>The final bills on the tracking log are the multi-purpose sprinkler system bills, 6284 and 2503. The Senate version has been signed by the president of the senate and the speaker of the house and delivered to the Governor for signature. Tim said it is possible the Governor's office will contact staff before signing the bill. The committee has been neutral on the bill, and staff could provide information on the technical aspects of the bill.</p>
<p>5. Other Business</p>	<p>None offered.</p>
<p>6. Adjourn</p>	<p>There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:23 a.m.</p>