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STATE BUILDING CODE COUNCIL

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STATE BUILDING CODE COUNCIL LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE MEETING SUMMARY MINUTES

LOCATION: Zoom or phone options available

MEETING DATE: Thursday, February 1, 2024

<u>Members in Attendance</u>: Committee Chair, Todd Beyreuther, Kjell Anderson, Jay Arnold, Micah Chappell, Daimon Doyle, Tom Handy

Members Absent: Matthew Hepner, Representative Alex Ramel

Staff In Attendance: Stoyan Bumbalov, Dustin Curb, Rozanna Ghanie, Annette Haworth

<u>Visitors Present</u>: Sean Angeley, Ian Casey, Josie Cummings, Michael Dobbs, Kevin Duell, Roger Heeringa, Ty Jennings, Ann Larson, Kurt Nabbefeld, Katy Sheehan, Andrea Smith, Tracy Taylor, Jason Tomasli

Agenda Items	Council Actions/Discussion
Welcome and Introductions	The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Chair Todd Beyreuther. Everyone was welcomed. Roll was taken and a quorum was present.
2. Review & Approve Agenda	Tom Handy moved to approve the Agenda, Kjell Anderson seconded, the motion passed.
Review and Approve Minutes	Tom Handy moved to approve minutes from January 25, 2024, Kjell Anderson seconded, the motion passed.
4. Legislative Update	Managing Director, Stoyan Bumbalov, provided overview of the Legislative Cut-Off Dates and SBCC Bill Status Report.
	Stoyan Bumbalov provided an update for SHB 2071 and pointed out to the date in the bill. It is currently July 1, 2026, and Stoyan Bumbalov suggested in his testimony the date be revised to November 1, 2026, to align with the effective date of 2026 codes. Discussion was held by committee members and members of the public.
	Stoyan Bumbalov provided overview of HB 2452, Manufacture Housing. This requires the Council to add an exception to the building code and exempt manufacture housing units from compliance with the WUIC if the manufacture housing units are approved prior to WUIC's effective date of March 15, 2024. Stoyan Bumbalov explained that the Council, in general, does not have authority to adopt standards for construction or alteration of manufactured homes. He also suggested that the Council can issue a formal opinion regarding whether any codes apply to manufacture homes. Micah Chappell asked if RCW 19.27.560 apply to manufacture home

	structures as Legislation says, "all structures". Discussion was heard from committee members and members of the public.
	Stoyan Bumbalov addressed SB 6291 and HB 2465, companion bills related to the SBCC Policies & Procedures. He noted that both bills were amended, but in different ways. Responding to council members, Stoyan Bumbalov explained again his responsibility as a managing director over the day-to-day operations, and the DES role administratively overseeing the SBCC staff. Stoyan Bumbalov shared that he was tasked by DES to address operational issues, which included stakeholder's concerns related to the code adoption process and issues with preparing and failing of documents. Special Assistant to the DES Director, Ann Larson, explained DES's role. Ann Larson oversees the full council and Stoyan Bumbalov is her Direct Report. DES is under statutory authority to provide administrative support to the Council. Ann Larson and Stoyan Bumbalov work together to create ways for administrative efficiency in order to address challenges with staffing, assist with legal risks, and day-to-day operation. Ann Larson stated that she supports Stoyan Bumbalov and SBCC staff regarding needs to create an efficient process. Discussion was held by committee and members of the public.
	Tom Handy spoke to HB 6120, addressing the Wildland Urban Interface Code. He raised his concern that if the bill passes, as written, it will eliminate the current WUI map, and the council must scratch everything adopted so far and start working on a different WUI code.
	Micah Chappell stated that WABO is actively working on this bill and believes it will go through some significant modifications but will change the mapping to a risk map. Micah Chappell also stated that the bigger concern is how this bill will limit the ability of SBCC to adopt a full WUIC as the Council will be only able to use RCW 19.27.560, and whether the Council wants to support this. Further discussion was held by committee members.
5. Other Business	No additional business was discussed.
6. Adjourn	The meeting was adjourned at 10:48 a.m.