- 1 AN ACT Relating to the building code council account; and amending
- 2 RCW 19.27.085.

- 3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:
- **Sec. 1.** RCW 19.27.085 and 1989 c 256 s 1 are each amended to read 5 as follows:
 - (1) There is hereby created the building code council account in the state treasury. Moneys deposited into the account shall be used solely by the building code council, after appropriation, to perform the purposes of the council.
 - (2) All moneys collected under subsection (3) of this section shall be deposited into the building code council account. Every four years the state treasurer shall report to the legislature on the balances in the account so that the legislature may adjust the charges imposed under subsection (3) of this section. The building code council may maintain an operating contingency of up to six months' fund balance. One-half of this contingency may be used specifically for participation in model code development, council or local jurisdiction training, professional services, public outreach, and legal counsel. Fees accumulated in excess of the contingency must be made available to

- Washington state city and county jurisdictions that have contributed to the fund, on a regional or jurisdiction specific grant funding basis, for training or the advancement of public services as approved by the building code council.
- (3) There is imposed a fee of ((four)) five dollars and fifty cents on each residential building permit issued by a county or a city, plus an additional surcharge of two dollars for each residential unit, but not including the first unit, on each building containing more than one residential unit, and a fee of eight dollars for each nonresidential permit issued. These fees may be revised concurrently with the four-year legislative fee review cycle at a rate of increase not to exceed the sum of the consumer price index over the previous four years in increments not less than five cents per permit. Quarterly each county and city shall remit moneys collected under this section to the state treasury; however, no remittance is required until a minimum of fifty dollars has accumulated pursuant to this subsection.

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CONTACT	ORGANIZATION	POSITION				
Josh Weiss 360-489-3025	Washington State Assn. of Counties	Will review w/Counties legislative committee				
Carl Schroeder 360-753-4137	Association of Washington Cities	Will review w/Cities legislative committee				
Kim Drury 206-621-0094	Northwest Energy Coalition	Supports fee increase so SBCC can fulfill responsibilities, build confidence in the code adoption process and improve compliance; suggests a yearly increase of .25 cents				
Tiffany Speir 253-272-2112	Master Builders Assn./Pierce Co.	MBA Pierce legislative committee has no objection to a fee increase for SBCC.				
Bruce Folsom Jon Powell 509-495-8011	Avista Corporation	Supports fee increase and work of the SBCC; legislative appropriation is necessary, increase for inflation may draw opposition.				
Nancy Atwood 425-462-3139	Puget Sound Energy	PSE supports increased energy efficiency goals. SBCC workload has increased due to changes in state policy. Concerns about accountability: legislative appropriation is necessary. Opposed to automatic increase for inflation, future increases should be based on work load.				
David Cohan 503-688-5400 Northwest Energy Efficiency Alliance		Supports fee increase. Common sense. A fixed fee is the equivalent of a budget cut. Staff is cut in haif over past ten years. Council funded studies would increase confidence in outcomes. The increase should be substantially higher.				
Jon Sul 206-233-5163	Building Official City of Seattle Department of Planning and Development	Supports fee increase and the work of SBCC				
Bob Eugene 360-593-2152	Underwriters Laboratories	Supports fee increase to a present value of the 1989 dollar, to support research on technical issues, implementation of modern technology, and greater transparency of \$BCC rule-making.				
Jessica Finn Climate Solutions Coven 360-352-1763		Supports fee increase, iong overdue; without an increase the work of SBCC to make buildings the safest and most efficient in the US is at risk.				
Stan Price Northwest Energy Efficiency Council 206-292-5592		Supports fee increase sufficient to support staff work with volunteer technical experts on complex modern codes.				
Jan Himebaugh 360-352-7800	Building Industry Association of Washington	Opposes fee increase, or an automatic increase. Encourage building, do not add cost. instead of increasing cost to builders, ask the legislature to be relieved of workload. Move to a longer code cycle. Demonstrate why a fee increase is needed and how it will be used. Keep SBCC accountable. Reserve account unnecessary.				
Jeanette Washington REALTORS McKague 360-943-3100		Opposes fee increase; concerns with regulations and fees that increase the cost of housing, mixed-use and industrial development. No data supporting the need List tasks, trends, staff levels, gaps in service. Define the role of staff and the SBCC in implementing the codes. More detail is needed on "fees accumulated excess of the contingency". SBCC could choose to adopt fewer amendments. Legislative oversight is necessary. Residential and commercial fee Increase				

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	OCTOBER 4, 20	is disproportionate. Future increases should not be				
Brandon Association of Washington Business 100.943-1600		automatic and should be based on workload. Opposes fee increase; first achieve cost controls to reduce costs; show expenditures; fee not equally allocated between residential and nonresidential; proposal represents a 20% fee increase on residentia and 90% on nonresidential; explain assumptions on growth; opposed to automatic inflator; retain legislative oversight.				
Scott Dilley 360-357-9975	WA State Farm Bureau Generally opposes all tax and fee increases must live within means; places a financial by farmers and ranchers on tight profit margins general fund request; opposed to automatic retain legislative oversight.					
Mike Brown 360-352-0161	Washington Fire Chiefs Assn.	Opposes fee increase, bad time to add to the cost of permit due to the economy, construction is down, local department budgets are down; service drop froi SBCC not significant and no benefit from the increase.				
Jim King	WA HVAC Association	Willing to explore a fee increase. Entities driving the workload should help pay the fee. Work be based of a statutory mandate or clearly define need.				
Stakeholders contr	acted with response pending.					
Stan Bowman	AlA of Washington					
Rick Siunaker	Associated General Contractors/WA					
Thomas Hanson	Boeing					
Rod Kauffman	BOMA Seattle/King County					
Garrett Huffman	Master Builders Assn./King-Snohomish Co.					
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STATE BUILDING CODE COUNCIL PROPOSAL TO MODIFY RCW 19.27.085 ESTIMATED REVENUE INCREASE FY 2014 THROUGH FY 2017

Total	Non-residential \$4.50	(not counting the first)**	residential units .	Additional \$2.00	Residential \$4.50			1	Permit Fee Cui
				00	50			Amount	Current Fee
	\$3.50				\$1.00			Increase	Fee
	\$8.00			\$2.00	\$5.50		Amount	Fee	Proposed
100,000*	30,000*				70,000*		Permits	Number of	Estimated
\$175,000	\$105,000				\$ 70,000		FY 2014	Revenue	Total New
\$183,750 \$192,938	\$110,250				\$ 73,500 \$77,175	FY 2015	Revenue	New	Total
\$192,938	\$115,763				\$77,175		FY 2016	Revenue	Total New
\$210,303	\$129,269			-470	\$81,034		FY 2017	Revenue	Total New

^{*} Permits estimated for the first year, with an increase of 5% each year thereafter for both residential and non-residential.

^{**}Number of additional residential units, not counting the first unit, will not change since the proposal does not increase those fees.

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FY 14-15 Budget allotments drawing on fund balance(not covered by revenue)

Types of Costs A & B Salary and Benefit Costs		FY 13	FY 14 35,000	FY 15	Notes / Asssumptions
				35,000	.5 FTE at Program Specialist 2; supports technical advisory groups
EA	Supplies and Materials		1,250	1,250	Estimate costs for non-standard supplies required by the unit
EM	Attorney General Services		20,000	20,000	Council actions are still regularly challenged/litigated
ER	Purchased Services		10,000	10,000	Other contracted services that are not personal services such as expert consultants on cost estimating, ADA compliance, etc.
EZ	Other Goods and Services		50,000	65,000	Books, subscriptions, membership, audio service, webcast, e-mail broadcast
G	Travel		42,000	42,000	Member reimbursement for Council meetings, staff travel to regular Council and technical group meetings.
J	Capital Outlays - Activity		7000	7000	Equipment purchasesincluding hardware for webcast video and audio

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