

One Hundred Fourth Legislature - First Session - 2015

Introducer's Statement of Intent

LB540

Chairperson: Senator Sue Crawford

Committee: Urban Affairs

Date of Hearing: February 17, 2015

The following constitutes the reasons for this bill and the purposes which are sought to be accomplished thereby:

LB 540 would update the state building code by adopting the 2012 versions of the following codes:

1. The International Building Code (IBC), which covers all new construction except one- and two-family dwellings;
2. The International Residential Code (IRC), which covers new construction of one- and two-family dwellings; and
3. The International Existing Building Code (IEBC), which covers repair, alteration, addition, and change of occupancy for existing buildings.

LB 540 would not adopt the provisions in the 2012 IBC and IRC which correspond with the 2012 International Energy Conservation Code (IECC), as the current state energy code is the 2009 IECC.

LB 540 also would not adopt the requirement in the 2012 IRC that new one- and two-family dwellings and townhouses include a fire sprinkler system. Under the bill, the state building code would continue to exclude the residential fire sprinkler mandate, but political subdivisions would retain the ability to "opt in" to the fire sprinkler mandate.

Principal Introducer: _____

Senator Sue Crawford