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House Bill 5819 (Substitute S-1 as reported by the Committee of the Whole)
Sponsor: Representative Wayne Kuipers
House Committee: Employment Relations, Training and Safety
Senate Committee: Economic Development, International Trade and Regulatory Affairs

CONTENT

The bill would amend Article 20 (Architects, Professional Engineers, and Land Surveyors) of the Occupational Code to revise an exemption from licensure requirements for certain residential construction projects.

The Code provides that a person is exempt from the requirements of Article 20 if he or she is planning, designing, or directing the construction of a residence building not exceeding 3,500 square feet in "calculated floor area". The bill would change the definition of that term and apply the exemption only to a detached one- and two-family residence building, subject to the 3,500-square-foot limit. A detached one- and two-family residence building would not include an adult foster care home.

Currently, "calculated floor area" means that portion of the total gross area, measured to the outside surfaces of exterior walls intended to be habitable, including a heater or utility room, but not including a crawl space, an unfinished and nonhabitable portion of a basement or attic, or a garage, open porch, balcony, terrace, or court.

Under the bill, "calculated floor area" would mean that portion of the total gross area measured to the outside surfaces of exterior walls intended to be habitable space. "Habitable space" would mean space in a building used for living, sleeping, eating, or cooking, and would not include a heater or utility room, crawl space, basement, attic, garage, open porch, balcony, terrace, court, deck, bathroom, toilet room, closet, hallway, storage space, or other similar spaces not used for living, sleeping, eating, or cooking.

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FISCAL IMPACT

The bill would have no fiscal impact on State or local government.

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