

HCS HB 1097 -- LEAD ABATEMENT

SPONSOR: Bland (Schaaf)

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "do pass" by the Special Committee on Urban Issues by a vote of 9 to 0.

This substitute authorizes the Department of Health and Senior Services to impose fines on lead abatement contractors who fail to notify the department before they begin lead abatement projects. Failure to notify the department will result in a fine of \$1,000 for the first offense; \$2,000 for the second offense; and \$4,000 for the third offense. The contractor's lead abatement license will be revoked when a fourth offense is committed.

The substitute requires the contractor to submit the final inspection certificate to the department when the project is finished.

FISCAL NOTE: Not available at time of printing.

PROPOSERS: Supporters say that current law requires contractors to notify the Department of Health and Senior Services before they begin a lead abatement project, but many contractors do not because there is no penalty for failure to notify. The bill allows the department to impose fines against contractors who neglect to notify them. This will ensure that contractors are following proper procedures and will allow the department to make sure that the abatement is being done safely.

Testifying for the bill were Representative Schaaf; and Department of Health and Senior Services.

OPPOSERS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.

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