

Regulation Review Committee

MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, May 22, 2018

11:00 AM in Room 1E of the LOB

The meeting was called to order at 11:04 AM by Chairman, Rep. Carpino C. 032.

The following committee members were present:

Senators: Doyle P. S09; Gomes E. S23; Kelly K. S21; Logan G. S17

Representatives: Carpino C. 032; Godfrey B. 110; Johnson S. 049; Klarides-Ditria N. 105; O'Neill A. 069; Reyes G. 075; Rutigliano D. 123; Urban D. 043

Absent were:

Senators: Miner C. S30; Slossberg G. S14

Representatives:

Department of Administrative Services

PROPOSED 2018 CONNECTICUT STATE BUILDING CODE

LRRC - Rejected Without Prejudice

Senator Doyle stated that the reason he was supporting the motion to reject is because a provision in the code exceeds the agency's statutory authority. He furthered that legislation was introduced in 2011, 2015, and 2016 by the Public Safety & Security Committee to expand the installation of sprinklers to these types of buildings and it was rejected by the legislature. He stated that regardless of what the legislature does, the provision is attempting to get past it since it can't get through the process. He explained that the committee is to implement, not set policy. He stated that the agency could resubmit it as early as next month and hopefully next session they can pass legislation but he believes the provision is inappropriate.

A motion was made by Senator Doyle and seconded by Representative Rutigliano to reject the code without prejudice.

Department of Administrative Services

PROPOSED 2018 CONNECTICUT STATE FIRE SAFETY CODE

LRRC - Rejected Without Prejudice

A motion was made by Senator Doyle and seconded by Representative Rutigliano to reject the code without prejudice.

Department of Administrative Services

PROPOSED 2018 CONNECTICUT STATE FIRE PREVENTION CODE

LRRRC - Rejected Without Prejudice

Representative Urban stated that fire safety is extraordinarily important based on materials we now use. She explained that we know that those materials are extraordinarily flammable and anything we can do to mitigate the impact of flammability for first responders is something that we should support. She furthered that she hopes to continue to address these issues for the safety of our children, families, and first responders.

Representative Reyes echoed sentiments similar to Representative Urban. He stated that he also stands in support of continuing the dialogue next year to see if there is anything we can do to save lives because we should be taking a serious look at that.

Representative Godfrey stated that the legislature, under a constitutional provision, delegated the Legislative Regulation Review Committee to be the checks and balance on the Executive Branch to make sure the regulations match the statutory authority. He stated that as Senator Doyle mentioned, this needs to go through the legislative process and he is happy to help push it along. He furthered that when any agency, not just this one, decides they want to make changes that they should make them in the legislature first. He stated that rejection without prejudice is the way to go and that the agency could come back as early as next month with a more statutorily correct submission and he is happy to work with the agency to put protections in place that are statutorily allowed and also work to change the statute to increase protections for people.

A motion was made by Senator Doyle and seconded by Representative Carpino to reject the code without prejudice.

A motion was duly made and seconded to adjourn the meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:11 AM.

Kirstin L. Breiner
Administrator