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Summary of H. 3592

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Katherine,

Attached you will find a summary of H. 3592. But, first I wanted to let you know how this bill came about in the first place.

In 2007, the General Assembly passed the ENERGY INDEPENDENCE AND SUSTAINABLE CONSTRUCTION ACT OF 2007, which requires state buildings (there are some exceptions) be built to third party green building certification standards. One of those standards is LEED Silver. Since that time, the standards of LEED Silver have changed twice, with no oversight from the General Assembly or the State of SC.

Current law requires that SC public buildings be certified LEED Silver regardless of how LEED Silver changes over time. H. 3592 will greatly improve the current situation. The bill protects locally grown and manufactured products from being discriminated against because of LEED standards. It also prohibits projects from seeking certain LEED Silver points called material optimization points, that discriminate against some of our manufacturers.

H. 3592 will require an advisory committee to oversee changes in LEED and other third party verification standards. Regulations will have to be promulgated and acted upon by the General Assembly, which will greatly improve the current situation. The process will mirror the building codes process that is currently in place in SC.

H. 3592 is a compromise between the following groups: the American Chemistry Council, AGC, NuCor, the SC Forestry Association, the conservation community, and architects.

I've attached a summary for you. Let me know if you have additional questions. We hope the Governor will sign H. 3592.

Thank you!

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