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Ms. Sarah Bannister, Secretary of the Senate
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Mr. Bernard Dean, Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives
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Re: Washington Lead-Based Paint Programs (RCW 70A.420.050)

Dear Ms. Bannister and Mr. Dean:

This letter provides an update on the status of Washington's Lead-Based Paint Programs, pursuant to the requirements of the program under RCW 70A.420.050.

The Department of Commerce's Lead-Based Paint Programs ensure contractors and homeowners work safely in buildings that contain lead-based paint. The programs focus on education and training to promote safe work practices that protect children from lead exposure. Commerce manages two programs that reduce lead hazards to the public:

- **The Lead-Based Paint Activities Program:** This program certifies and monitors firms performing lead activities work such as abatement. This program was established by the legislature in 2003.
- **The Renovation, Repair and Painting (RRP) Program**: A program that monitors firms and individuals performing property improvement that may disturb lead-based paint and create hazards. The program applies to pre-1978 residential properties and child-occupied facilities. This program was established by the legislature in 2010.

In accordance with RCW 70A.420.050, Commerce is required to submit a biennial update on the program's status, costs and number of persons certified by the program.

Lead-Based Paint Activities Program

- **Status: Operational**
- **Costs: $177,429**
  SFY 2024: $82,073
  SFY 2025: $95,356
- **Persons certified: 192**
  SFY 2024: 117
  SFY 2025: 75
- **Firms certified: 73**
  SFY 2024: 39
  SFY 2025: 34

Renovation, Repair and Painting Program

- **Status: Operational**
- **Costs: $752,592**
  SFY 2024: $361,553
  SFY 2025: $391,039
- **Persons certified: 3710**
  SFY 2024: 1719
  SFY 2025: 1991
- **Firms certified: 1088**
  SFY 2024: 365
  SFY 2025: 723

2025 legislative updates

Additionally, during the 2025 session, Commerce Agency Request Legislation (SB 5494) passed, which:

- **Authorized Commerce to administer the Renovation, Repair, and Painting program.**
  - When the State Lead-Based Paint Program — Renovation Activities (Chapter 158, Laws of 2010) was enacted, Commerce's authority to administer the RRP program was not included in statute. This change was needed to give Commerce that authority to administer and enforce program requirements.
- **Clarified that Commerce's regulations are in alignment with federal and state protective regulations.**
- **Created an appeals process for program decisions.**
- **Authorized Commerce to set the fee schedule through rulemaking.**

Please don't hesitate to reach out with any questions. More information about Commerce's Lead-Based Paint programs is also available on our website.

Signed,

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