

## **Lepore, Theresa (DPS)**

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My suggestions:

1. Combine all code related agencies (plumbing/electrical/fire prevention/architectural access/HIC/Sanitary Code/etc.) into a new Department of Building Safety, headed by a new position of State Building Commissioner whose education and experience meet that of a local Building Commissioner. The current SBBRS Board would be expanded to include disciplines of construction not presently represented on the Board. A significant reduction in staffing could be achieved by combining code related agencies.
2. Review all General Laws related to building construction/fire safety and remove many laws that are now covered by codes.
3. Adopt all I-Codes and if there is a compelling reason to alter the national codes, do it on a national level. The I-Codes are all developed to work in concert without conflict.
4. Pull out my legislation for the Public Safety Inspectors Academy for both uniform training of code officials and to begin cross training of inspectors for use as combination inspectors.
5. Adopt the program Minnesota and Oregon has instituted that allows contractors to self-certify their work. This can be used to reduce inspection backlogs on local communities and the program can be used to reduce the massive backlog of elevator inspections.

6. Have DPS Inspectors visit all 351 cities and towns annually and make SURE that those communities that have the building official answering to anyone other than the appointing authority stop violating MGL Chapter 143.
7. Consider abolishing the sheet metal board. A run-a-way train.
8. Propose legislation that would allow city and town building departments to retain enough of permit fees collected so the job can be done correctly. As an example, no city or town that I know of has adequate staffing to perform periodic inspections. If we can inspect existing structures as required, there will be less loss of life and less instances of property damage.
9. Propose legislation that would allow local building departments to be able to notify insurance companies when serious violations are found in buildings and structures. A threat of insurance policy cancellation is generally all that is needed to achieve code compliance verses lengthily court proceedings.
10. Return a portion of license fees to our cities and towns to help offset the cost of enforcing state regulations. Also look at creating legislation for a \$2.00 - \$5.00 surcharge on every property insurance policy that would be used for state and local code administration.
11. Just a few ideas for consideration.

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