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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 108

House Amendments in [] — January 29, 2004

Encouraging the Department of General Services to recognize and incorporate the Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) Green Building Rating System into state and local practices for the design and procurement of construction projects.

Patron Prior to Engrossment—Delegate Van Yahres

Referred to Committee on General Laws

WHEREAS, the Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) Green Building Rating System is a voluntary, consensus-based national standard for developing high-performance, sustainable buildings; and

WHEREAS, the LEED standard was created to define "green building" by establishing a common standard of measurement; promote integrated, whole-building design practices; recognize environmental leadership in the building industry; stimulate green competition; raise consumer awareness of green building benefits; and transform the building market; and

WHEREAS, the LEED standard is currently available for new construction and major renovation projects and existing building operations; and

WHEREAS, LEED provides a complete framework for assessing building performance and meeting sustainability goals; and

WHEREAS, LEED emphasizes state-of-the-art strategies for sustainable site development, water savings, energy efficiency, materials selection, and indoor environmental quality; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the Department of General Services be encouraged to recognize and incorporate the Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) Green Building Rating System [energy, environmental and sustainability concepts] into state and local practices for the design and procurement of construction projects [to the extent that such concepts are feasible and reasonable for the particular project] ; and, be it

[RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Department of General Services incorporate into the Construction and Professional Services Manual a section describing the LEED program and available reference resources; and, be it]

RESOLVED [~~FURTHER~~ FINALLY] , That the Clerk of the House of Delegates transmit a copy of this resolution to the Department of General Services, requesting that the Director of the Department further disseminate copies of this resolution to his respective constituents so that they may be apprised of the sense of the General Assembly of Virginia in this matter.

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