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Bill Summary

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Overview

This bill requires legislative notice of administrative rules that, on average, increase the cost of residential construction or remodeling by $1,000 or more per unit.

The bill also permits a legislative committee with subject matter jurisdiction over proposed rules that exceed this threshold to require that the rule be approved by law before its final adoption.

Section

1 **Rules impacting residential construction or remodeling; legislative notice and review.**
Provides a procedure for legislative review and approval of proposed administrative rules that increase the cost of residential construction or remodeling by $1,000 or more per unit.

The initial determination of a rule's impact on these costs is made by the agency, but is subject to review by an administrative law judge.

Notice to the legislature is required if the costs of a proposed rule exceed the $1,000 threshold, as determined either by the agency or by the administrative law judge.

A legislative committee with jurisdiction over the subject matter of the rule may vote to advise the agency that the rule should not be adopted as proposed. If this vote occurs, the rule may not be adopted unless it is approved by law. Existing procedures in law for conducting the vote and providing notice are cross-referenced in the bill.

<u>Section</u>

The bill also clarifies that any severable portion of a rule that does not meet the cost threshold may be adopted, regardless of whether a legislative committee vote is conducted on other portions of the same rule.