



Alliance for Regulatory Coordination

Testimony for Information on Senate Bill 698

Before the Senate Committee on Government Operations and Consumer Protection

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Good Morning!

I am Bob DuPont, founder of the Alliance for Regulatory Coordination.

The ARC is a consortium of 15 business, professional and trade organizations involved in building design, construction and regulatory services. The Alliance seeks regulatory services provided in the most efficient manner possible to effectively promote the health, safety and welfare of Wisconsin citizens and visitors.

The Alliance for Regulatory Coordination asks this committee to defer action on Senate Bill 698 until adequate time has been provided for customers of the Department of Safety and Professional Services to become familiar with the objectives, details and consequences of the bill. We support participatory democracy. We believe that allowing time for better understanding among affected customers could improve the bill, and result in easier implementation, and voluntary compliance.

The ARC is a strong supporter of DSPS programs as reflected in our November 2010 recommendation to then Governor –Elect Walker to create the Department of Safety and Professional Services by combining the Department of Regulation and Licensing with the safety programs of the Department of Commerce. We understand that portions of SB 698 can be viewed as logical steps to a more cohesive, efficient and effective agency. All we ask for is time to understand and provide input.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify on this bill. I would be happy to answer any questions.

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