
SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 5491

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By Senate Local Government, Land Use & Tribal Affairs (originally sponsored by Senators Salomon, Shewmake, Frame, Lias, and Stanford)

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1 AN ACT Relating to allowing for residential buildings of a
2 certain height to be served by a single exit under certain
3 conditions; and adding a new section to chapter 19.27 RCW.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 19.27
6 RCW to read as follows:

7 (1) The state building code council shall convene a technical
8 advisory group for the purpose of recommending modifications and
9 limitations to the international building code that would allow for a
10 single exit stairway to serve multifamily residential structures up
11 to six stories above grade plane. The recommendations must include
12 considerations for adequate and available water supply, the presence
13 and response time of a professional fire department, and any other
14 provisions necessary to ensure public health, safety, and general
15 welfare.

16 (2) The technical advisory group shall provide its
17 recommendations to the council in time for the council to adopt or
18 amend rules or codes as necessary for implementation in the 2024
19 international building code. The council shall take action to adopt

1 additions and amendments to rules or codes as necessary by July 1,
2 2026.

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