

1571-S

Sponsor(s): House Committee on Government Reform & Land Use  
(originally sponsored by Representatives Sherstad, Dunn, Cairnes  
and McMorris)

Brief Title: Revising the authority of local governments to enforce  
the state building code as it relates to single-family and  
multifamily residential buildings.

**HB 1571-S - DIGEST**

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Agrees with the United States advisory committee on regulatory  
barriers to affordable housing that increasing the supply of  
affordable housing can be accomplished through a program of  
regulatory reform of the building code enforcement system in order  
to place more reliance on the national model code system and state-  
wide codes to encourage consistent enforcement of the building code  
from jurisdiction to jurisdiction.

Provides that, after the effective date of this act, all  
previously adopted stand-alone ordinances or local amendments of a  
county or city that increase the minimum performance standards for  
single-family or multifamily residential buildings beyond those  
contained in the state building code may be reviewed by the state  
building code council.

Declares that, if the previously adopted stand-alone ordinance  
or local amendment affecting single-family and multifamily  
residences is not approved by the state building code council, the  
stand-alone ordinance or local amendment is null and void as  
against public policy.