

2 **ESHB 1555** - S COMM AMD

3 By Committee on State & Local Government

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5 Strike everything after the enacting clause and insert the  
6 following:

7 "NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** (1) The intent of the adoption of the  
8 International Building Code by the legislature is to remain consistent  
9 with state laws regulating construction, including electrical,  
10 plumbing, and energy codes established in chapters 19.27, 19.27A, and  
11 19.28 RCW. The International Building Code references the  
12 International Residential Code for provisions related to the  
13 construction of single and multiple-family dwellings. No portion of  
14 the International Residential Code shall supersede or take precedent  
15 over provisions in chapter 19.28 RCW, regulating the electrical code;  
16 nor provisions in RCW 19.27.031(4), regulating the plumbing code; nor  
17 provisions in chapter 19.27A RCW, regulating the energy code.

18 (2) It is in the state's interest and consistent with the state  
19 building code act to have in effect provisions regulating the  
20 construction of single and multiple-family residences. It is the  
21 legislative intent that the state building code council adopt the  
22 International Residential Code through rule making granted in RCW  
23 19.27.074, consistent with state law regulating construction for  
24 electrical, plumbing, and energy codes, and other state and federal  
25 laws regulating single and multiple-family construction.

26 (3) In accordance with RCW 19.27.020, the state building code  
27 council shall promote fire and life safety in buildings consistent with  
28 accepted standards. In adopting the codes for the state of Washington,  
29 the state building code council shall consider provisions related to  
30 fire fighter and worker safety published by nationally recognized  
31 organizations. The state building code council shall review all  
32 nationally recognized codes and develop amendments as set forth in RCW  
33 19.27.074, to incorporate accepted minimum safety requirements.

34 **Sec. 2.** RCW 19.27.031 and 1995 c 343 s 1 are each amended to read  
35 as follows:

1 Except as otherwise provided in this chapter, there shall be in  
2 effect in all counties and cities the state building code which shall  
3 consist of the following codes which are hereby adopted by reference:

4 (1) ~~((Uniform))~~ (a) The International Building Code ~~((and Uniform~~  
5 ~~Building Code Standards))~~, published by the International ~~((Conference~~  
6 ~~of Building Officials))~~ Code Council Inc.;

7 (b) The International Residential Code, published by the  
8 International Code Council, Inc.;

9 (2) ~~((Uniform))~~ The International Mechanical Code, ~~((including~~  
10 ~~Chapter 13, Fuel Gas Piping, Appendix B,))~~ published by the  
11 International ~~((Conference of Building Officials))~~ Code Council Inc.;

12 (3) The ~~((Uniform))~~ International Fire Code ~~((and Uniform Fire Code~~  
13 ~~Standards))~~, published by the International ~~((Fire Code Institute))~~  
14 Code Council Inc.: PROVIDED, That, notwithstanding any wording in this  
15 code, participants in religious ceremonies shall not be precluded from  
16 carrying hand-held candles;

17 (4) Except as provided in RCW 19.27.170, the Uniform Plumbing Code  
18 and Uniform Plumbing Code Standards, published by the International  
19 Association of Plumbing and Mechanical Officials: PROVIDED, That  
20 ~~((chapters 11 and 12))~~ any provisions of such code affecting sewers or  
21 fuel gas piping are not adopted; and

22 (5) The rules ~~((and regulations))~~ adopted by the council  
23 establishing standards for making buildings and facilities accessible  
24 to and usable by the physically ~~((handicapped))~~ disabled or elderly  
25 persons as provided in RCW 70.92.100 through 70.92.160.

26 In case of conflict among the codes enumerated in subsections (1),  
27 (2), (3), and (4) of this section, the first named code shall govern  
28 over those following.

29 The codes enumerated in this section shall be adopted by the  
30 council as provided in RCW 19.27.074. The council shall solicit input  
31 from first responders to ensure that worker safety issues are addressed  
32 during the code adoption process.

33 The council may issue opinions relating to the codes at the request  
34 of a local official charged with the duty to enforce the enumerated  
35 codes.

36 **Sec. 3.** RCW 19.27.080 and 1990 c 33 s 555 are each amended to read  
37 as follows:

1 Nothing in this chapter affects the provisions of chapters 19.27A,  
2 19.28, 43.22, 70.77, 70.79, 70.87, 48.48, 18.20, 18.46, 18.51, 28A.305,  
3 70.41, 70.62, 70.75, 70.108, 71.12, 74.15, 70.94, 76.04, 90.76 RCW, or  
4 RCW 28A.195.010, or grants rights to duplicate the authorities provided  
5 under chapters 70.94 or 76.04 RCW.

6 **Sec. 4.** RCW 19.27.110 and 1975-'76 2nd ex.s. c 37 s 1 are each  
7 amended to read as follows:

8 Each county government shall administer and enforce the ((uniform))  
9 International Fire Code in the unincorporated areas of the county:  
10 PROVIDED, That any political subdivision or municipal corporation  
11 providing fire protection pursuant to RCW 14.08.120 shall, at its sole  
12 option, be responsible for administration and enforcement of the  
13 ((uniform)) International Fire Code on its facility. Any fire  
14 protection district or political subdivision may, pursuant to chapter  
15 39.34 RCW, the interlocal cooperation act, assume all or a portion of  
16 the administering responsibility and coordinate and cooperate with the  
17 county government in the enforcement of the ((uniform)) International  
18 Fire Code.

19 It is not the intent of RCW 19.27.110 and 19.27.111 to preclude or  
20 limit the authority of any city, town, county, fire protection  
21 district, state agency, or political subdivision from engaging in those  
22 fire prevention activities with which they are charged.

23 It is not the intent of the legislature by adopting the state  
24 building code or RCW 19.27.110 and 19.27.111 to grant counties any more  
25 power to suppress or extinguish fires than counties currently possess  
26 under the Constitution or other statutes.

27 Each county is authorized to impose fees sufficient to pay the cost  
28 of inspections, administration, and enforcement pursuant to RCW  
29 19.27.110 and 19.27.111.

30 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 5.** Sections 1, 2, and 4 of this act take effect  
31 July 1, 2003."

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4 On page 1, line 1 of the title, after "codes;" strike the remainder  
5 of the title and insert "amending RCW 19.27.031, 19.27.080, and  
6 19.27.110; creating a new section; and providing an effective date."

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