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1 On page 5, beginning on line 12, after "information" strike all
2 material through "council" on line 13 and insert "~~((and shall amend~~
3 ~~the codes as deemed appropriate by the council))~~. Substantial
4 amendments to the codes may be adopted no more frequently than every
5 six years after the adoption and implementation of the 2016 codes
6 referenced in RCW 19.27.031. As necessary, the council may enact
7 emergency statewide amendments to the state building codes if an
8 amendment is needed:

- 9 (i) To address a critical life and safety need;
10 (ii) To address a specific new or amended state statute;
11 (iii) For consistency with state or federal regulations; or
12 (iv) To correct errors or omissions"

13 On page 8, after line 20, insert the following:

14 "**Sec. 8.** RCW 19.27A.025 and 1991 c 122 s 3 are each amended to
15 read as follows:

16 (1) The minimum state energy code for new nonresidential
17 buildings shall be the Washington state energy code, 1986 edition, as
18 amended. The state building code council may, by rule adopted
19 pursuant to chapter 34.05 RCW, amend that code's requirements for new
20 nonresidential buildings provided that:

21 (a) Such amendments increase the energy efficiency of typical
22 newly constructed nonresidential buildings; and

23 (b) Any new measures, standards, or requirements adopted must be
24 technically feasible, commercially available, and cost-effective to
25 building owners and tenants.

26 (2) In considering amendments to the state energy code for
27 nonresidential buildings, the state building code council shall
28 establish and consult with a technical advisory committee including
29 representatives of appropriate state agencies, local governments,
30 general contractors, building owners and managers, design
31 professionals, utilities, and other interested and affected parties.

1 (3) Decisions to amend the Washington state energy code for new
2 nonresidential buildings shall be made prior to December 15th of any
3 year and shall not take effect before the end of the regular
4 legislative session in the next year. Any disputed provisions within
5 an amendment presented to the legislature shall be approved by the
6 legislature before going into effect. A disputed provision is one
7 which was adopted by the state building code council with less than a
8 two-thirds majority vote.

9 (4) Substantial amendments to the code shall be adopted no more
10 frequently than every ~~((three))~~ six years after the adoption and
11 implementation of the 2016 Washington state energy code.

12 (5) As necessary, the council may enact emergency statewide
13 amendments to the Washington state energy code if an amendment is
14 needed:

15 (a) To address a critical life and safety need;

16 (b) To address a specific new or amended state statute;

17 (c) For consistency with state and federal regulations; or

18 (d) To correct errors and omissions.

19 **Sec. 9.** RCW 19.27A.045 and 1990 c 2 s 5 are each amended to read
20 as follows:

21 (1) The state building code council shall maintain the state
22 energy code for residential structures in a status which is
23 consistent with the state's interest as set forth in section 1,
24 chapter 2, Laws of 1990. In maintaining the Washington state energy
25 code for residential structures, ~~((beginning in 1996))~~ the council
26 shall review the Washington state energy code every ~~((three))~~ six
27 years after the adoption and implementation of the 2016 Washington
28 state energy code. After January 1, 1996, by rule adopted pursuant to
29 chapter 34.05 RCW, the council may amend any provisions of the
30 Washington state energy code to increase the energy efficiency of
31 newly constructed residential buildings. Decisions to amend the
32 Washington state energy code for residential structures shall be made
33 prior to December 1 of any year and shall not take effect before the
34 end of the regular legislative session in the next year.

35 (2) As necessary, the council may enact emergency statewide
36 amendments to the Washington state energy code if an amendment is
37 needed:

38 (a) To address a critical life and safety need;

39 (b) To address a specific new or amended state statute;

1 (c) For consistency with state and federal regulations; or
2 (d) To correct errors and omissions."

3 Renumber the remaining sections consecutively.

4 On page 12, line 33, after "section" strike "10" and insert "12"

5 On page 13, line 10, after "through" strike "8" and insert "10"

6 On page 13, line 12, after "Sections" strike "9 and 10" and
7 insert "11 and 12"

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8 On page 1, line 2 of the title, after "19.27A.020," insert
9 "19.27A.025, 19.27A.045,"

EFFECT: (1) Provides that substantial amendments to the state energy code for nonresidential buildings and the state building code may not be adopted more frequently than every six years.

(2) Provides that the state energy code for residential buildings must be reviewed every six years.

(3) Permits the adoption of emergency amendments to address life and safety needs, new or amended state statutes, consistency with state or federal regulations, and errors or omissions.

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