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**SENATE BILL 6233**

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**By** Senators L. Wilson, Braun, King, Short, Wagoner, and J. Wilson

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Energy & Technology.

1 AN ACT Relating to substantive amendments to the state energy  
2 code for nonresidential buildings; and amending RCW 19.27A.025.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 19.27A.025 and 2019 c 285 s 17 are each amended to  
5 read as follows:

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

11 (a) Such amendments increase the energy efficiency of typical  
12 newly constructed nonresidential buildings; (~~and~~)

13 (b) Any new measures, standards, or requirements adopted must be  
14 technically feasible, commercially available, and developed to yield  
15 the lowest overall cost to the building owner and occupant while  
16 meeting the energy reduction goals established under RCW 19.27A.160;  
17 and

18 (c) All substantive amendments must receive public notice and  
19 comment periods pursuant to chapter 34.05 RCW.

20 (2) In considering amendments to the state energy code for  
21 nonresidential buildings, the state building code council shall

1 establish and consult with a technical advisory committee including  
2 representatives of appropriate state agencies, local governments,  
3 general contractors, building owners and managers, design  
4 professionals, utilities, and other interested and affected parties.

5 (3) Decisions to amend the Washington state energy code for new  
6 nonresidential buildings shall be made prior to December 15th of any  
7 year and shall not take effect before the end of the regular  
8 legislative session in the next year. Any disputed provisions within  
9 an amendment shall be presented to the legislature (~~shall be~~  
10 ~~approved by the legislature~~) through agency request legislation and  
11 enacted into law before going into effect. A disputed provision is  
12 one which was adopted by the state building code council with less  
13 than a two-thirds majority vote of all voting members. Any vote on  
14 subsequent amendments adopted to disputed provisions shall only apply  
15 to the subsequent amended provision. Substantial amendments to the  
16 code shall be adopted no more frequently than every three years.

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