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1            AN ACT Relating to the state energy code for nonresidential  
2 buildings; and adding a new section to chapter 19.27A RCW.

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

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

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

10            (a) The amendments increase the energy efficiency of typical newly  
11 constructed nonresidential buildings; and

12            (b) Any new measures, standards, or requirements adopted are  
13 technically feasible, commercially available, and cost-effective to  
14 building owners and tenants.

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

7       (3) Decisions to amend the Washington state energy code for  
8 nonresidential buildings shall be made prior to December 31 of a year  
9 and shall not take effect before the end of the regular legislative  
10 session in the next year. Substantial amendments to the code shall be  
11 adopted no more frequently than every three years.