

**SSB 5491** - H COMM AMD  
By Committee on Housing

**ADOPTED 04/10/2023**

1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and insert the  
2 following:

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

5 (1) The state building code council shall convene a technical  
6 advisory group for the purpose of recommending modifications and  
7 limitations to the international building code that would allow for a  
8 single exit stairway to serve multifamily residential structures up  
9 to six stories above grade plane. The recommendations must include  
10 considerations for adequate and available water supply, the presence  
11 and response time of a professional fire department, and any other  
12 provisions necessary to ensure public health, safety, and general  
13 welfare.

14 (2) The technical advisory group shall provide its  
15 recommendations to the council in time for the council to adopt or  
16 amend rules or codes as necessary for implementation in the 2024  
17 international building code. The council shall take action to adopt  
18 additions and amendments to rules or codes as necessary by July 1,  
19 2026."

20 Correct the title.

EFFECT: Requires the State Building Code Council to convene a technical advisory group to recommend changes to the International Building Code (IBC) that would allow a single exit stairway for multifamily residential structures up to six stories above grade plane. Requires the technical advisory group to provide its recommendations to the Council in time for implementation in the 2024 IBC and requires the Council to take action to adopt changes by July 1, 2026.

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