

CERTIFICATION OF ENROLLMENT

SENATE BILL 5553

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TEMPORARY EMERGENCY SHELTERS—BUILDING CODE STANDARDS

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Yeas 48 Nays 0

DENNY HECK

President of the Senate

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Yeas 82 Nays 14

Laurie Jinkins

**Speaker of the House of
Representatives**

Approved April 6, 2023 10:05 AM

JAY INSLEE

Governor of the State of Washington

CERTIFICATE

I, Sarah Bannister, Secretary of the Senate of the State of Washington, do hereby certify that the attached is **SENATE BILL 5553** as passed by the Senate and the House of Representatives on the dates hereon set forth.

SARAH BANNISTER

Secretary

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**Secretary of State
State of Washington**

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By Senators Lovelett, Robinson, Conway, Nguyen, Nobles, Wellman, and C. Wilson

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1 AN ACT Relating to authorizing standards for temporary emergency
2 shelters for local adoption; and amending RCW 19.27.042.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 19.27.042 and 1991 c 139 s 1 are each amended to
5 read as follows:

6 (1) Effective January 1, 1992, the legislative authorities of
7 cities and counties may adopt an ordinance or resolution to exempt
8 from state building code requirements buildings whose character of
9 use or occupancy has been changed in order to provide housing for
10 indigent persons. The ordinance or resolution allowing the exemption
11 shall include the following conditions:

12 (a) The exemption is limited to existing buildings located in
13 this state;

14 (b) Any code deficiencies to be exempted pose no threat to human
15 life, health, or safety;

16 (c) The building or buildings exempted under this section are
17 owned or administered by a public agency or nonprofit corporation;
18 and

19 (d) The exemption is authorized for no more than five years on
20 any given building. An exemption for a building may be renewed if the
21 requirements of this section are met for each renewal.

1 (2) By January 1, 1992, the state building code council shall
2 adopt, by rule, guidelines for cities and counties exempting
3 buildings under subsection (1) of this section.

4 (3) By July 1, 2026, the state building code council shall adopt,
5 by rule, standards for temporary emergency shelters and make them
6 available for local adoption.

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