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**SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 5156**

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**State of Washington**

**69th Legislature**

**2025 Regular Session**

**By** Senate Housing (originally sponsored by Senators Salomon, Bateman, Liias, Nobles, Riccelli, Shewmake, and Stanford)

READ FIRST TIME 01/28/25.

1 AN ACT Relating to elevator standards in smaller apartment  
2 buildings; and adding a new section to chapter 70.87 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 70.87  
5 RCW to read as follows:

6 By March 31, 2026, the department shall adopt, by rule, standards  
7 for cities and counties to allow all passenger and freight elevators  
8 to meet the most current version of global safety and related  
9 standards or, in the alternative, the current North American  
10 standards, and standards for cities and counties to allow passenger  
11 elevators no larger than those that accommodate a wheelchair for  
12 apartment buildings with at most six stories and at most 24 units in  
13 total.

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