CERTIFICATION OF ENROLLMENT

**ENGROSSED SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 5156**

69th Legislature
2026 Regular Session

Passed by the Senate March 9, 2026
Yeas 41 Nays 6

**President of the Senate**

Passed by the House March 4, 2026
Yeas 93 Nays 1

**Speaker of the House of Representatives**

Approved

**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 **ENGROSSED SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 5156** as passed by the Senate and the House of Representatives on the dates hereon set forth.

**Secretary**

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**State of Washington**

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

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AN ACT Relating to elevator standards in smaller apartment buildings; and adding new sections to chapter 19.27 RCW.

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

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

The state building code council shall adopt, by rule, for the 2027 technical codes, standards for cities and counties to allow, for apartment buildings with at most six stories and at most 24 units in total, passenger elevators minimally sized to meet federal accessibility requirements.

NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 19.27 RCW to read as follows:

(1) The state building code council shall convene a technical advisory group to examine requirements for elevator hoistway opening protection and for two-way visual emergency communications devices, and evaluate whether current requirements properly balance cost and safety for small apartment buildings.

(2) The technical advisory group convened under this subsection, in addition to the requirements under RCW 19.27.033, must include:

(a) At least one position for a representative of the Washington state fire chiefs association;

(b) One building code official;

(c) One position for a state elevator inspector;

(d) One representative from a major elevator manufacturing company;

(e) One representative of labor involved in the installation, maintenance, and repair, or any combination thereof, of elevators;

(f) One representative of a nonprofit with expertise in elevators that is based in the state of Washington;

(g) One representative from a disability rights group;

(h) One representative from a senior citizen advocacy group;

(i) One developer of small multifamily buildings; and

(j) One architect of small multifamily buildings.

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