

CERTIFICATION OF ENROLLMENT

**SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 2228**

Chapter 4, Laws of 2026

69th Legislature  
2026 Regular Session

SCISSOR STAIRS—BUILDING CODE ADVISORY GROUP

EFFECTIVE DATE: June 11, 2026

Passed by the House February 10, 2026  
Yeas 95 Nays 0

LAURIE JINKINS

**Speaker of the House of  
Representatives**

Passed by the Senate February 26,  
2026  
Yeas 48 Nays 0

DENNY HECK

**President of the Senate**

Approved March 9, 2026 9:15 AM

BOB FERGUSON

**Governor of the State of Washington**

CERTIFICATE

I, Bernard Dean, Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives of the State of Washington, do hereby certify that the attached is **SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 2228** as passed by the House of Representatives and the Senate on the dates hereon set forth.

BERNARD DEAN

**Chief Clerk**

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March 10, 2026

**Secretary of State  
State of Washington**

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**By** House Local Government (originally sponsored by Representatives Zahn, Duerr, Ramel, Peterson, Parshley, Lekanoff, Reed, Thomas, Gregerson, Ormsby, Hill, and Bernbaum)

READ FIRST TIME 01/27/26.

1            AN ACT Relating to scissor stair regulations in the state  
2 building code; adding a new section to chapter 19.27 RCW; and  
3 providing an expiration date.

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

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

7            (1) The state building code council shall convene a technical  
8 advisory group for the purpose of recommending amendments to the  
9 international building code that would allow scissor stairs serving  
10 occupancies containing sleeping units of more than two dwelling units  
11 in which the occupants are primarily permanent in nature. The  
12 recommendations must include considerations for public health,  
13 safety, and welfare, as well as construction costs.

14            (2) The advisory group shall provide its recommendations to the  
15 council in time for the council to adopt or amend rules and codes as  
16 necessary for implementation in the 2027 code update to the state  
17 building code.

18            (3) For the purpose of this section, "scissor stairs" means two  
19 interlocking stairways with two separate exits, that are separately  
20 enclosed and divided by fire-resistance rated assemblies.

21            (4) This section expires January 1, 2031.

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