

CERTIFICATION OF ENROLLMENT

ENGROSSED SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 5156

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BUILDING CODE—ELEVATORS IN SMALLER APARTMENT BUILDINGS

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Yeas 41 Nays 6

DENNY HECK

President of the Senate

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

LURIE JINKINS

**Speaker of the House of
Representatives**

Approved March 23, 2026 10:48 AM

BOB FERGUSON

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.

SARAH BANNISTER

Secretary

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**Secretary of State
State of Washington**

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AS AMENDED BY THE HOUSE

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

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1 AN ACT Relating to elevator standards in smaller apartment
2 buildings; and adding new sections to chapter 19.27 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 19.27
5 RCW to read as follows:

6 The state building code council shall adopt, by rule, for the
7 2027 technical codes, standards for cities and counties to allow, for
8 apartment buildings with at most six stories and at most 24 units in
9 total, passenger elevators minimally sized to meet federal
10 accessibility requirements.

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

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

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

- 1 (a) At least one position for a representative of the Washington
2 state fire chiefs association;
- 3 (b) One building code official;
- 4 (c) One position for a state elevator inspector;
- 5 (d) One representative from a major elevator manufacturing
6 company;
- 7 (e) One representative of labor involved in the installation,
8 maintenance, and repair, or any combination thereof, of elevators;
- 9 (f) One representative of a nonprofit with expertise in elevators
10 that is based in the state of Washington;
- 11 (g) One representative from a disability rights group;
- 12 (h) One representative from a senior citizen advocacy group;
- 13 (i) One developer of small multifamily buildings; and
- 14 (j) One architect of small multifamily buildings.

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