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DENNY HECK

President of the Senate

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LAURIE JINKINS

Speaker of the House of Representatives

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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 **SENATE BILL 5571** as passed by the Senate and the House of Representatives on the dates hereon set forth.

SARAH BANNISTER

Secretary

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By Senators Bateman and Nobles

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AN ACT Relating to regulating exterior cladding materials; adding a new section to chapter 35.21 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 35A.21 RCW; and adding a new section to chapter 36.01 RCW.

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

NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 35.21 RCW to read as follows:

(1) Except as provided in subsection (3) of this section, a city is prohibited from requiring or excluding exterior cladding materials that are in compliance with the state building code.

(2) "Exterior cladding" means a nonload-bearing material attached to the exterior of a building.

(3) The limitation in this section does not apply to homeowners' associations governed by chapter 64.38 RCW, plat communities governed by chapter 64.90 RCW, structures in an area designated as a local historic district, structures located in an area designated as a historic district on the national register of historic places, structures designated as a local, state, or national historic landmark, areas subject to provisions of the international wildland urban interface code adopted by a city or town, and any city or town with old world Bavarian architectural themed building requirements in law. Furthermore, a city or town that adopts building codes requiring

fire-resistant siding materials as protection from wildfire is not in violation of the provisions of this section.

NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 35A.21 RCW to read as follows:

(1) Except as provided in subsection (3) of this section, a code city is prohibited from requiring or excluding exterior cladding materials that are in compliance with the state building code.

(2) "Exterior cladding" means a nonload-bearing material attached to the exterior of a building.

(3) The limitation in this section does not apply to homeowners' associations governed by chapter 64.38 RCW, plat communities governed by chapter 64.90 RCW, structures in an area designated as a local historic district, structures located in an area designated as a historic district on the national register of historic places, structures designated as a local, state, or national historic landmark, areas subject to provisions of the international wildland urban interface code adopted by a code city, and any code city with old world Bavarian architectural themed building requirements in law. Furthermore, a code city that adopts building codes requiring fire-resistant siding materials as protection from wildfire is not in violation of the provisions of this section.

NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** A new section is added to chapter 36.01 RCW to read as follows:

(1) Except as provided in subsection (3) of this section, a county is prohibited from requiring or excluding exterior cladding materials that are in compliance with the state building code.

(2) "Exterior cladding" means a nonload-bearing material attached to the exterior of a building.

(3) The limitation in this section does not apply to homeowners' associations governed by chapter 64.38 RCW, plat communities governed by chapter 64.90 RCW, structures in an area designated as a local historic district, structures located in an area designated as a historic district on the national register of historic places, structures designated as a local, state, or national historic landmark, areas subject to provisions of the international wildland urban interface code adopted by a county, and any structures in a county that are adjacent to a city or code city with old world Bavarian architectural themed building requirements in law.

Furthermore, a county that adopts building codes requiring fire-resistant siding materials as protection from wildfire is not in violation of the provisions of this section.

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