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SENATE BILL 6803

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By Senators Kohl-Welles, Long, Brown, Goings, Eide, Patterson,  
Prentice, Finkbeiner and B. Sheldon

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1 AN ACT Relating to studying the feasibility of requiring automatic  
2 fire extinguishing sprinkler protection in existing congregate  
3 residences owned or operated by institutions of higher education;  
4 adding a new section to chapter 19.27 RCW; and declaring an emergency.

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

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

8 The state building code council shall study the feasibility of  
9 adopting rules requiring all existing congregate residences owned or  
10 operated by any institution of higher education to be provided with  
11 complete and approved automatic fire extinguishing sprinkler  
12 protection.

13 (1) The study shall include the following:

14 (a) A survey of all structures requiring retrofitting; and

15 (b) The estimated retrofitting cost per structure.

16 (2) The state building code council may form an advisory group of  
17 affected institutions and interested parties.

18 (3) The state building code council shall report its findings to  
19 the legislature by December 1, 2000.

1        NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 2.**    This act is necessary for the immediate  
2    preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or support of the  
3    state government and its existing public institutions, and takes effect  
4    immediately.

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