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Sponsor(s): Representatives Cody and McDermott

Brief Description: Regarding the Americans with Disabilities Act, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, and the Fair Housing Act Amendments guidelines for compliance in construction, rehabilitation, and substantial alteration of buildings using public funding from any source.

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Finds that: (1) The Americans with Disabilities Act, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, and the Fair Housing Act Amendments guidelines were established to ensure adequate accommodations to people with disabilities.

(2) Various agencies have differing standards, procedures, and conditions for meeting fair housing guidelines, depending on factors as diverse as building type and funding sources.

(3) All of the guidelines include exemptions for certain building types and circumstances.

(4) It is in the interest of the people that their public moneys be used for its best and highest good.

(5) The state of Washington must not allow public moneys to be applied to projects that are nonaccommodation compliant, regardless of building type or circumstances.

Declares that eligibility for assistance from the department under chapter 43.185 RCW requires that any construction, rehabilitation, or substantial alteration of buildings using public moneys for any phase, part, or process of the construction, rehabilitation, or substantial alteration adhere to each and all of the designated guidelines as to the number, kind, and type of accessible units required by the guidelines, regardless of any exemptions or exceptions to the guidelines available by building type or circumstances.

Declares that any attempt by a publicly funded builder to circumvent the requirement in this act by separately permitting multiple two-unit dwellings on the same or contiguous properties, or in any other fashion, shall be grounds to have the funding revoked, in addition to any other remedies available by law.