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**SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 6156**

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**State of Washington**

**59th Legislature**

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**By** Senate Committee on Financial Institutions, Housing & Consumer Protection (originally sponsored by Senator Fairley)

READ FIRST TIME 01/23/06.

1       AN ACT Relating to improving enforcement of the state building  
2 code; amending RCW 19.27.050; creating a new section; and providing an  
3 effective date.

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

5       NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds that among the  
6 laudable purposes and objectives for adopting a state building code is  
7 the promotion of the health, safety, and welfare of homeowners who  
8 remodel or add to their homes.

9       The legislature further finds that such purposes are not met unless  
10 the state building code is effectively enforced through a comprehensive  
11 inspection program, which emphasizes inspections of remodels and  
12 additions to owner-occupied, single-family homes.

13       **Sec. 2.** RCW 19.27.050 and 1985 c 360 s 9 are each amended to read  
14 as follows:

15       (1) The state building code required by this chapter shall be  
16 enforced by the counties and cities. Any county or city not having a  
17 building department shall contract with another county, city, or

1 inspection agency approved by the county or city for enforcement of the  
2 state building code within its jurisdictional boundaries.

3 (2) A county or city violates this section when the jurisdiction  
4 fails to provide: (a) An owner of record, who is remodeling or adding  
5 to an owner-occupied, single-family residence, a copy of the inspection  
6 schedule from the local permit issuing authority by regular mail; and  
7 (b) a copy of the inspection schedule from the local permit issuing  
8 authority to the owner of record at the site of the first inspection  
9 required by the local permit issuing authority. The requirements of  
10 this subsection only apply to remodels or additions to owner-occupied,  
11 single-family residences.

12 NEW SECTION. Sec. 3. This act takes effect January 1, 2007.

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