

# FINAL BILL REPORT

## SB 5139

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Synopsis as Enacted

**Brief Description:** Concerning building code standards for certain buildings four or more stories high.

**Sponsors:** Senators Roach, Liias, Conway, Benton, McCoy, Dandel and Ericksen.

**Senate Committee on Government Operations & Security**  
**House Committee on Local Government**

**Background:** The State Building Code Council (Council) was created in 1974 to provide analysis and advice to the Legislature and the Office of the Governor on State Building Code (Code) issues. The Council establishes the minimum building, mechanical, fire, plumbing, and energy code requirements in Washington by reviewing, developing, and adopting the Code.

The Code sets requirements through building codes to promote the health, safety, and welfare of the occupants or users of buildings and structures throughout the state. The Code consists of regulations adopted by reference from the International Building Code, the International Residential Code, the International Mechanical Code, the National Fuel Gas Code, the International Fire Code, and the Uniform Plumbing Code and Uniform Plumbing Code Standards. When the Code was adopted in 1974, certain buildings four or more stories high were exempt from the Code.

**Summary:** The exemption from the Code for certain buildings four or more stories high is deleted.

**Votes on Final Passage:**

Senate	49	0
House	53	45

**Effective:** July 24, 2015

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