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**SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 2303**

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**By** House Local Government (originally sponsored by Representatives Van De Wege, Dunshee, Tharinger, Pettigrew, Moeller, and Goodman)

READ FIRST TIME 01/25/16.

1            AN ACT Relating to the international wildland urban interface  
2 code; amending RCW 19.27.031; and providing an effective date.

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

4            **Sec. 1.** RCW 19.27.031 and 2015 c 11 s 2 are each amended to read  
5 as follows:

6            Except as otherwise provided in this chapter, there shall be in  
7 effect in all counties and cities the state building code which shall  
8 consist of the following codes which are hereby adopted by reference:

9            (1)(a) The International Building Code, published by the  
10 International Code Council, Inc.;

11            (b) The International Residential Code, published by the  
12 International Code Council, Inc.;

13            (2) The International Mechanical Code, published by the  
14 International Code Council, Inc., except that the standards for  
15 liquefied petroleum gas installations shall be NFPA 58 (Storage and  
16 Handling of Liquefied Petroleum Gases) and ANSI Z223.1/NFPA 54  
17 (National Fuel Gas Code);

18            (3) The International Fire Code, published by the International  
19 Code Council, Inc., including those standards of the National Fire  
20 Protection Association specifically referenced in the International  
21 Fire Code: PROVIDED, That, notwithstanding any wording in this code,

1 participants in religious ceremonies shall not be precluded from  
2 carrying hand-held candles;

3 (4) The International Wildland Urban Interface Code, published by  
4 the International Code Council, Inc.;

5 (5) Except as provided in RCW 19.27.170, the Uniform Plumbing  
6 Code and Uniform Plumbing Code Standards, published by the  
7 International Association of Plumbing and Mechanical Officials:  
8 PROVIDED, That any provisions of such code affecting sewers or fuel  
9 gas piping are not adopted;

10 ((+5)) (6) The rules adopted by the council establishing  
11 standards for making buildings and facilities accessible to and  
12 usable by individuals with disabilities or elderly persons as  
13 provided in RCW 70.92.100 through 70.92.160; and

14 ((+6)) (7) The state's climate zones for building purposes are  
15 designated in RCW 19.27A.020(3) and may not be changed through the  
16 adoption of a model code or rule.

17 In case of conflict among the codes enumerated in subsections  
18 (1), (2), (3), ((and)) (4), and (5) of this section, the first named  
19 code shall govern over those following.

20 The codes enumerated in this section shall be adopted by the  
21 council as provided in RCW 19.27.074. The council shall solicit input  
22 from first responders to ensure that firefighter safety issues are  
23 addressed during the code adoption process.

24 The council may issue opinions relating to the codes at the  
25 request of a local official charged with the duty to enforce the  
26 enumerated codes.

27 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** This act takes effect January 1, 2018.

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