

ESHB 1770 - S AMD TO ENET COMM AMD (S-4748.1/22) **1271**

By Senator Short

1 On page 4, after line 11, insert the following:

2 "Sec. 5. RCW 19.27A.045 and 1990 c 2 s 5 are each amended to
3 read as follows:

4 (1) The state building code council shall maintain the state
5 energy code for residential structures in a status which is
6 consistent with the state's interest as set forth in section 1,
7 chapter 2, Laws of 1990. In maintaining the Washington state energy
8 code for residential structures, beginning in 1996 the council shall
9 review the Washington state energy code every three years. After
10 January 1, 1996, by rule adopted pursuant to chapter 34.05 RCW, the
11 council may amend any provisions of the Washington state energy code
12 to ((increase the energy efficiency)) decrease the construction costs
13 of newly constructed residential buildings. Decisions to amend the
14 Washington state energy code for residential structures shall be made
15 prior to December 1st of any year and shall not take effect before
16 the end of the regular legislative session in the next year.

17 (2) The state building code council shall delay implementation of
18 the Washington state energy code for residential structures, 2021
19 edition. The state building code council must review and amend the
20 Washington state energy code for residential structures, 2021
21 edition, by January 1, 2024, for implementation by July 1, 2024. The
22 review and amendments to the Washington state energy code for
23 residential structures, 2021 edition, must be for the purpose of
24 reducing construction costs and providing the least burdensome
25 alternatives for compliance. The state building code council may not
26 increase, but may decrease, the energy efficiency requirements in the
27 Washington state energy code for residential structures, 2021
28 edition."

29 On page 4, line 14, after "19.27A.015," strike "and 19.27A.020"
30 and insert "19.27A.020, and 19.27A.045"

EFFECT: Authorizes the state building code council to amend any provision of the Washington state energy code to decrease construction costs. Requires the state building code council to delay implementation of the Washington state energy code for residential structures, 2021 edition, and review and amend the code to reduce construction costs and provide alternatives for compliance. Prevents the state building code council from increasing the energy efficiency requirements in the Washington state energy code.

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