

CERTIFICATION OF ENROLLMENT

**SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 5491**

68th Legislature  
2023 Regular Session

Passed by the Senate April 18, 2023  
Yeas 48 Nays 1

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**President of the Senate**

Passed by the House April 10, 2023  
Yeas 96 Nays 1

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**Speaker of the House of  
Representatives**

Approved

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**Governor of the State of Washington**

CERTIFICATE

I, Sarah Bannister, Secretary of the Senate of the State of Washington, do hereby certify that the attached is **SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 5491** as passed by the Senate and the House of Representatives on the dates hereon set forth.

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**Secretary**

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**Secretary of State  
State of Washington**

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AS AMENDED BY THE HOUSE

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**By** Senate Local Government, Land Use & Tribal Affairs (originally sponsored by Senators Salomon, Shewmake, Frame, Lias, and Stanford)

READ FIRST TIME 02/17/23.

1 AN ACT Relating to allowing for residential buildings of a  
2 certain height to be served by a single exit under certain  
3 conditions; and adding a new section to chapter 19.27 RCW.

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

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 19.27  
6 RCW to read as follows:

7 (1) The state building code council shall convene a technical  
8 advisory group for the purpose of recommending modifications and  
9 limitations to the international building code that would allow for a  
10 single exit stairway to serve multifamily residential structures up  
11 to six stories above grade plane. The recommendations must include  
12 considerations for adequate and available water supply, the presence  
13 and response time of a professional fire department, and any other  
14 provisions necessary to ensure public health, safety, and general  
15 welfare.

16 (2) The technical advisory group shall provide its  
17 recommendations to the council in time for the council to adopt or  
18 amend rules or codes as necessary for implementation in the 2024  
19 international building code. The council shall take action to adopt

1 additions and amendments to rules or codes as necessary by July 1,  
2 2026.

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