
SENATE BILL 5634

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By Senator Brown

1 AN ACT Relating to the state building code council; and amending
2 RCW 19.27.074.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 19.27.074 and 2018 c 207 s 4 are each amended to
5 read as follows:

6 (1) The state building code council shall:

7 (a) Adopt and maintain the codes to which reference is made in
8 RCW 19.27.031 in a status which is consistent with the state's
9 interest as set forth in RCW 19.27.020. In maintaining these codes,
10 the council shall regularly review updated versions of the codes
11 referred to in RCW 19.27.031 and other pertinent information and
12 shall amend the codes as deemed appropriate by the council;

13 (b) Approve or deny all county or city amendments to any code
14 referred to in RCW 19.27.031 to the degree the amendments apply to
15 single-family or multifamily residential buildings;

16 (c) As required by the legislature, develop and adopt any codes
17 relating to buildings; and

18 (d) Approve a proposed budget for the operation of the state
19 building code council to be submitted by the department of enterprise
20 services to the office of financial management pursuant to RCW
21 43.88.090.

1 (2) The state building code council may:
2 (a) Appoint technical advisory committees which may include
3 members of the council;
4 (b) Approve contracts for services; and
5 (c) Conduct research into matters relating to any code or codes
6 referred to in RCW 19.27.031 or any related matter.
7 (3) The department of enterprise services, with the advice and
8 input from the members of the building code council, shall:
9 (a) Employ permanent and temporary staff and contract for
10 services;
11 (b) Contract with an independent, third-party entity to perform a
12 Washington energy code baseline economic analysis and economic
13 analysis of code proposals; and
14 (c) Provide all administrative and information technology
15 services required for the building code council.
16 (4) Rule-making authority as authorized in this chapter resides
17 within the building code council.
18 (5)(a) All meetings of the state building code council shall be
19 open to the public under the open public meetings act, chapter 42.30
20 RCW. All actions of the state building code council which adopt or
21 amend any code of statewide applicability shall be pursuant to the
22 administrative procedure act, chapter 34.05 RCW.
23 (b) All council decisions relating to the codes enumerated in RCW
24 19.27.031 shall require approval by at least a majority of the
25 members of the council.
26 (c) All decisions to adopt or amend codes of statewide
27 application shall be made prior to December 1st of (~~any~~) every
28 fifth year beginning in 2020 and shall not take effect before the end
29 of the regular legislative session in the next year.

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