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I support enhancements to Washington's residential energy code in the current update cycle that will:

- Reduce energy consumption in new residential buildings by about 19%
- Lower utility costs for residents
- Reduce the need for electricity and for new power plants
- Help replace fossil fuels with clean energy

To give human civilization a better-than-even chance to survive the climate chaos that is to come, we must seek to be carbon-neutral by 2030, and these enhancements will help move that transition along. Furthermore, these changes will help clean our air, save our endangered fish and orcas, and make energy affordable.

Thank you.

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