**15-096**

**1. State Building Code to be Amended:**

 [x]  International Building Code [ ]  State Energy Code

 [ ]  ICC ANSI A117.1 Accessibility Code [ ]  International Mechanical Code

 [ ]  International Existing Building Code [ ]  International Fuel Gas Code

 [ ]  International Residential Code [ ]  NFPA 54 National Fuel Gas Code

 [ ]  International Fire Code [ ]  NFPA 58 Liquefied Petroleum Gas Code

 [ ]  Uniform Plumbing Code [ ]  Wildland Urban Interface Code

 **Section(s): Washington State Amendment to IBC 1018.6**

 **Title: Corridor continuity**

**2. Proponent Name (Specific local government, organization or individual):**

 **Proponent: Department of Health: Construction Review Services**

 **Title:**

 **Date: 2/2015**

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**4. Proposed Code Amendment**.

 **Code(s)** \_\_\_2012 IBC Amendment \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ **Section(s)** \_\_1018.6\_\_\_\_\_\_

**1018.6 Corridor continuity.** Fire-resistance-rated corridors shall be continuous from the point of entry to an exit, and shall not be interrupted by intervening rooms. Where the path of egress travel within a fire-resistance-rated corridor to the exit includes travel along unenclosed exit access stairways or ramps, the fire resistance-rating shall be continuous for the length of the stairway or ramp and for the length of the connecting corridor on the adjacent floor leading to the exit.

**Exceptions:**

1. Foyers, lobbies or reception rooms constructed as required for corridors shall not be construed as intervening rooms.

~~2. In Group R-2 boarding rooms and residential treatment facilities licensed by Washington State, seating areas shall be allowed to be open to the corridor provided:~~

~~2.1 The seating area is constructed as required for the corridor;~~

~~2.2 The floor is separated into at least two compartments complying with Section 407.4;~~

~~2.3 Each individual seating area does not exceed 150 square feet, excluding the corridor width;~~

~~2.4 The combined total space of seating areas per compartment does not exceed 300 square feet, excluding the corridor width;~~

~~2.5 Combustible furnishings located within the seating area shall be in accordance with the International Fire Code Section 805; and~~

~~2.6 Emergency means of egress lighting is provided as required by Section 1006 to illuminate the area.~~

1. **Briefly explain your proposed amendment, including the purpose, benefits and problems addressed.**

The proposal deletes the current state amendment for seating areas open to the corridor. The original intent was to clarify allowable corridor conditions as interpreted for facilities licensed by the state of Washington.

The code has clear requirements for corridor continuity and limits the use and hazards. Limited seating is allowed within the corridor enclosure.

If larger seating areas are desired within the corridor, it is no longer a corridor and would be treated as an intervening room between the resident rooms and the exit. In this case, the resident rooms would be separated from the exit access by a fire partition of greater rating.

1. **Specify what criteria this proposal meets.** You may select more than one.

[ ]  The amendment is needed to address a critical life/safety need.

[ ]  The amendment is needed to address a specific state policy or statute.

[ ]  The amendment is needed for consistency with state or federal regulations.

[ ]  The amendment is needed to address a unique character of the state.

[x]  The amendment corrects errors and omissions.

1. **Is there an economic impact:** [ ]  Yes    [x]  No

Explain: The proposed amendment removes restrictions and allows options. It does not require you to do something.

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All questions must be answered to be considered complete. Incomplete proposals will not be accepted.