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STATE BUILDING CODE COUNCIL LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE
MEETING SUMMARY MINUTES

LOCATION: Zoom or phone options available

MEETING DATE: Monday, August 5, 2024

Members in Attendance: Committee Chair Tom Handy, Todd Beyreuther, Jay Arnold, Roger Heeringa, Kjell Anderson

Members Absent: Daimon Doyle, Matthew Hepner, Representative Alex Ramel

Staff In Attendance: Managing Director Dustin Curb, Josh Brown, Rozanna Ghanie, Annette Haworth

Visitors Present: Councilmember Angela Haupt, Kim Barker, Ian Casey, Kevin Duell, Patrick Hanks, Todd Stratmoen, Elizabeth Torske, Eric Urban

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required in the Building Code. The implementation date for this is July 1, 2026. This date needs to be changed to align with the new Code implementation date of November 1, 2026. SBCC Staff has prepared a code change proposal for this task.

SSHB 5491: Single Exits

This bill requires the State Building Code Council to convene a Technical Advisory Group for the purpose of recommending modifications and limitations to the international building code that would allow for a single exit stairway to serve multifamily residential structures up to six stories above grade plane. An Ad-Hoc Committee needs to be formed for the preliminary work. The Committee Recommends the TAG be composed of Building, Fire and Residential Code Subject Matter Experts. This work will then be raised before the IBC/IFC Technical Advisory Groups for inclusion in the CR-102 of Group 1 Codes in December. The implementation date of the legislation is July 1, 2026, and needs to be updated to the new code implementation date of November 1, 2026. The goal of this legislation is to reduce the cost of housing in Washington. The TAG group for this bill will be the same for SSHB 2071.

SSHB 2071: Multiplex Housing in the International Residential Code

This bill is aimed at allowing middle and multiplex housing to be built according to the standards of the international residential code which will result in housing being easier to build and more affordable without sacrificing quality and safety. The state building code council shall convene a technical advisory group for the purpose of recommending the additions or amendments to rules or codes that are necessary for the council to apply the Washington state residential code to multiplex housing. The state building code council shall convene a technical advisory group for the purpose of recommending amendments to the international building code that would allow for a minimum dwelling unit size that is less than the requirements for an efficiency dwelling unit in the international building code. An Ad-Hoc TAG will need to be formed. The Committee Recommends the TAG be composed of Building, Fire and Residential Code Subject Matter Experts. The implementation date of the legislation is November 1, 2026. The TAG group for this bill will be the same for SSHB 5491.

MOTION: Roger Heeringa moved to recommend one ad-hoc TAG for both the Single Exits and Multiplex Housing bills, Kjell Anderson seconded, the motion passed.

SB 5553: Temporary Emergency Shelters

This bill requires that by July 1, 2026, the state building code council shall adopt, by rule, standards for temporary emergency shelters and make them available for local adoption. This will require the creation of an appendix for the Building Code. This work will be conducted by the International Building Code TAG. They may at their discretion convene a workgroup to conduct the specialized work. The Legislative Committee would like staff to reach out to the bill sponsors and proponents to clarify the intent of the bill. The implementation date of this legislation needs to be updated to align with the new Code implementation date of November 1, 2026.

	<p>ESSB 6291: State Building Code Council Bylaws</p> <p>While there is no action required of the council from this bill. The legislative Committee raised several questions.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. How is a two-thirds vote counted? 2. Is it 2/3 total council members or two-thirds of those present at a meeting? 3. How does a vacancy affect the two-thirds vote? 4. Does the definition of “approval” within ESSB 6291 relate to the two-thirds vote? 5. When can an interim code adoption cycle begin? <p>Staff will reach out to the Bill Sponsors and the Attorney General for input on these inquiries.</p> <p>Discussion was held on the authority of the Legislative Committee, and it was suggested to provide ideas to Dustin Curb and possibly hold a meeting in September prior to the Council meeting.</p>
5. Other Business	<p>Discussion was held on an update regarding the WUIC / DNR status and a draft response to bring back to the Committee. Discussion on Initiative 2066, which if passed will require a revamp of the WSEC. Angela Haupt asked about the enforcement of the WSEC and L&I’s nonrequirement to enforce the electrical portion. It was noted the SBCC is not an enforcement agency, and the Council does have L&I representation.</p>
6. Adjourn	<p>The meeting was adjourned at 3:45 p.m.</p>