

CERTIFICATION OF ENROLLMENT

SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 2228

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69th Legislature
2026 Regular Session

SCISSOR STAIRS—BUILDING CODE ADVISORY GROUP

EFFECTIVE DATE: June 11, 2026

Passed by the House February 10, 2026
Yeas 95 Nays 0

LAURIE JINKINS

**Speaker of the House of
Representatives**

Passed by the Senate February 26,
2026
Yeas 48 Nays 0

DENNY HECK

President of the Senate

Approved March 9, 2026 9:15 AM

BOB FERGUSON

Governor of the State of Washington

CERTIFICATE

I, Bernard Dean, Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives of the State of Washington, do hereby certify that the attached is **SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 2228** as passed by the House of Representatives and the Senate on the dates hereon set forth.

BERNARD DEAN

Chief Clerk

FILED

March 10, 2026

**Secretary of State
State of Washington**

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By House Local Government (originally sponsored by Representatives Zahn, Duerr, Ramel, Peterson, Parshley, Lekanoff, Reed, Thomas, Gregerson, Ormsby, Hill, and Bernbaum)

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1 AN ACT Relating to scissor stair regulations in the state
2 building code; adding a new section to chapter 19.27 RCW; and
3 providing an expiration date.

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 amendments to the
9 international building code that would allow scissor stairs serving
10 occupancies containing sleeping units of more than two dwelling units
11 in which the occupants are primarily permanent in nature. The
12 recommendations must include considerations for public health,
13 safety, and welfare, as well as construction costs.

14 (2) The advisory group shall provide its recommendations to the
15 council in time for the council to adopt or amend rules and codes as
16 necessary for implementation in the 2027 code update to the state
17 building code.

18 (3) For the purpose of this section, "scissor stairs" means two
19 interlocking stairways with two separate exits, that are separately
20 enclosed and divided by fire-resistance rated assemblies.

21 (4) This section expires January 1, 2031.

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