
OLR Bill Analysis

sHB 5401 (as amended by House "A")*

AN ACT CONCERNING THE PROCEDURE FOR ADOPTING, REVISING AND AMENDING THE STATE BUILDING CODE AND REQUIRING RELATED TRAINING.

SUMMARY

This bill makes identical changes to when the State Building Code, State Fire Prevention Code, and Fire Safety Code must be amended. Under current law, each of these codes must be updated whenever the nationally recognized model codes they are based on are revised, within 18 months after the revisions' first publication. The bill extends this timing to within two years after that first publication date and provides that no revisions are required between the first publication of revisions to the respective 2024 model codes and the 2030 model codes' first publication of revisions.

The bill additionally requires the Department of Administrative Services commissioner, in consultation with the state building inspector, Codes and Standards Committee, and state fire marshal, to submit a report to the six legislative leaders and the Public Safety and Security Committee on the effects of extending the cycles for revising these three state codes and any recommendations for amending their cycles. She must do this by January 1, 2029.

*House Amendment "A" replaces the underlying bill, which made several changes to when and under what circumstances the State Building Code may be amended.

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2026

COMMITTEE ACTION

Public Safety and Security Committee

Joint Favorable

Yea 29 Nay 0 (03/17/2026)