SENATE BILL 5416

State of Washington 68th Legislature 2023 Regular Session

By Senators Braun and Kuderer

- AN ACT Relating to compelling the state building code council to expand residential building code classifications; adding a new
- 3 section to chapter 19.27 RCW; creating a new section; and declaring
- 4 an emergency.
- 5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:
- 6 <u>NEW SECTION.</u> **Sec. 1.** Current residential building code
- 7 classifies residential treatment facilities under the institutional
- 8 building code, significantly increasing building costs. It is the
- 9 intent of the legislature to expand the residential building code in
- 10 an effort to reduce costs associated with building residential
- 11 treatment facilities.
- 12 <u>NEW SECTION.</u> **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 19.27
- 13 RCW to read as follows:
- 14 The state building code council must immediately adopt the R-4
- 15 classification code as detailed under chapter 3, section 310.5 of the
- 16 2021 international building code.
- 17 <u>NEW SECTION.</u> **Sec. 3.** This act is necessary for the immediate
- 18 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or support of

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- 1 the state government and its existing public institutions, and takes
- 2 effect immediately.

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