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Subject: Amendments to WAC 51-50-1107

Code Officials,

I've become aware that proposed amendments to WAC 51-50-1107 related to IBC 1107.6 and 1107.6.2.2.1, will change language relating to multi-family dwellings and those changes will adversely affect our citizens, especially the disability community.

Although I don't directly work in housing, any reductions to accessibility must be avoided. There already is a severe shortage of available accessible housing, reducing requirements doesn't help with the backlog.

Section 1107.6 – Dwelling units and sleeping units - WAC 51-50-1107 strikes language that states "Type A units and Type B units shall be provided in Group R Occupancies in accordance with Sections 1107.6.1 through 1107.6.4. Accessible and Type A units **shall be apportioned among efficiency dwelling units, single bedroom units and multiple bedroom units, in proportion to the numbers of such units in the building.**" This language must remain in the 2018 IBC code so that people who need accessible housing have the same choices as non-disabled renters.

Thank you, Joy



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