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The Honorable Christine Rolfes  
Washington State Senate  
PO Box 40423  
Olympia, WA 98504

The Honorable Timm Ormsby  
House of Representatives  
PO Box 40600  
Olympia, WA 98504

RE: ESSB5092, section 149 (6) – Inclusive bathroom facilities report

Dear Senator Rolfes and Representative Ormsby,

The Legislature directed the Department of Enterprise Services to “develop a plan to incorporate into future Washington state building codes options for the design and construction of inclusive bathroom facilities that are consistent with a person's own gender expression or gender identity” in collaboration with the LGBTQ Commission through ESSB5092, section 149(6).

The Washington State Building Code Council met with J. Manny Santiago, Executive Director of the Washington State LGBTQ Commission and their staff to review the current guidelines for gender-neutral bathroom facilities as found in the Washington State Building Code (Chapter 51-50 WAC) and ensure compliance with the Legislature’s directive. After reviewing the provisions in the building code regarding gender-neutral bathroom facilities, the LGBTQ Commission found that the current policies, procedures, and guidelines are in alignment with best practices for LGBTQ-inclusive spaces. The LGBTQ Commission did not express any concerns with the language used in the building code, or with the approach to ensure that new, current, and remodeled buildings have gender-inclusive bathroom facilities.

If you or your staff have any questions or concerns with this matter, or if additional information is needed, please contact Stoyan Bumbalov, SBCC Managing Director at (360) 490-6629, or [Stoyan.Bumbalov@des.wa.gov](mailto:Stoyan.Bumbalov@des.wa.gov).

Sincerely,

Stoyan Bumbalov,  
State Building Code Council Managing Director

Cc: Ann Larson, Director of Government Relations, Department of Enterprise Services