

1.1 **Senator McEwen from the Committee on Labor, to which was referred**

1.2 **S.F. No. 3538:** A bill for an act relating to the State Building Code; authorizing expedited
1.3 rulemaking to modify the State Building Code to allow a single exit stairway to serve
1.4 multifamily residential structures under certain circumstances; amending Minnesota Statutes
1.5 2022, section 326B.106, by adding a subdivision.

1.6 Reports the same back with the recommendation that the bill be amended as follows:

1.7 Delete everything after the enacting clause and insert:

1.8 "Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 326B.106, is amended by adding a subdivision
1.9 to read:

1.10 Subd. 18. **Minimum number of exit stairways.** (a) The commissioner shall adopt rules
1.11 modifying the State Building Code to allow a single exit stairway to serve nontransient
1.12 multifamily residential structures that have an occupiable floor or roof not more than 75
1.13 feet above the lowest level of fire department vehicle access.

1.14 (b) The rule modifications must:

1.15 (1) specify that the first floor of such buildings may be used for a purpose other than
1.16 residential as long as that use is classified by the State Building Code as a nonhazardous
1.17 occupancy and is served by entrances that are separate from those serving the residential
1.18 floors;

1.19 (2) meet or exceed the model international fire code; and

1.20 (3) require that the fire department primarily responsible for responding to the structure
1.21 meets or exceeds the NFPA 1710, Standard for the Organization and Deployment of Fire
1.22 Suppression Operations, Emergency Medical Operations, and Special Operations to the
1.23 Public by Career Fire Departments.

1.24 In addition, in conducting rulemaking under this subdivision, the commissioner must consider
1.25 and incorporate building code safety measures consistent with the Seattle Fire Code.

1.26 (c) These modifications must be made by July 1, 2026.

1.27 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment."

1.28 And when so amended the bill do pass and be re-referred to the Committee on State and
1.29 Local Government and Veterans. Amendments adopted. Report adopted.

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1.31 (Committee Chair)

2.1	March 14, 2024.....
2.2	(Date of Committee recommendation)