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Upcoming Code Body Meetings



Meetings

State	Body	Date	Formula
Hawaii	Hawaii Electrician and Plumber Board Meeting	1/31/2023	Info
Minnesota	Minnesota Board of Electricity Meeting	1/31/2023	Info
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Idaho	Idaho Heating, Ventilation & Air Conditioning (HVAC) Board Meeting	2/1/2023	Info
Massachusetts	Massachusetts Occupancy Code Committee Meeting	2/1/2023	Info
Colorado	Colorado Energy Code Board Meeting	2/1/2023	Info
West Virginia	West Virginia State Fire Commission Meeting	2/2/2023	Info
Massachusetts	Massachusetts Electrical Code Interpretation Committee Meeting	2/2/2023	Info
Massachusetts	Massachusetts Board of Fire Prevention Regulations Meeting	2/2/2023	Info
West Virginia	West Virginia State Fire Commission Meeting	2/3/2023	Info
West Virginia	West Virginia State Fire Commission Meeting	2/3/2023	Info
South Carolina	South Carolina Building Codes Council Meeting	2/6/2023	Info
Louisiana	Louisiana Oil and Gas Hearings	2/7/2023	Info
Indiana	Indiana Fire Prevention and Building Safety Commission Meeting	2/7/2023	Info
Florida	Florida Building Code Commission Meeting	2/7/2023	Info
California	California Green Building CAC Meeting	2/8/2023	Info

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Building

State	Date	Title
Florida	2/7/2023	FBC considers revisions to Florida Building Code, 8th Edition (2023)
The Florida Building Commission will consider the following revisions to the Florida Building Code, 8th Edition (2023): (1) Process for TAC Consideration of Comments Regarding the Draft Florida Building Code; and (2) Process for Commission Consideration of Comments Regarding the Draft Florida Building Code.		

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Fire

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Massachusetts	2/2/2023	Mass. BFPR discusses update to 527 CMR 12.00
The Massachusetts Board of Fire Prevention Regulations will discuss updates to 527 CMR 12.00.		

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Energy

State	Date	Title
Colorado	1/1/2023	Energy Code Board Meeting EV-Statute Review
The Colorado Energy Code Board will conduct a stature review for Commercial and Residential EV-Readiness.		

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Bills with Recent Activity



Legislation

Bill #	State	Bill Title	Primary Sponsor	Last Action	Date
HB 197	HI	Relating To Climate Change Mitigation.	Nicole E. Lowen	Hearing scheduled for 1/31	1/27/2023
This bill directs the department of health to establish a refrigerant management program to reduce emissions of high global warming potential refrigerants and any refrigerant that is an ozone-depleting substance from the operation of stationary, commercial, and industrial refrigeration equipment responsible and adopt rules for the regulation of the use of such refrigerants. It also requires the state building code council to establish codes and standards consistent with the goal of reducing greenhouse gas emissions associated with hydrofluorocarbons when updating the state building code.					
LC 3555	MT	Clarify use of certain refrigerants	Tom Welch	Executive Director Final Review	1/27/2023
This bill provides that the department may not prohibit or limit in the state building code the use of refrigerants listed as acceptable for use by the United States environmental protection as safe alternatives to class I and class II ozone-depleting substances.					
HB 6	MD	Department of General Services, Energy, Conserving Standards (Maryland Sustainable Buildings Act of 2023)	Terri L. Hill	Hearing 2/08 at 2:30 p.m.	1/26/2023
The bill directs the Department of General Services to establish and periodically update standards for State buildings to conserve energy and minimize adverse impacts on birds. It also requires the Maryland Green Building Council to include the standards in any requirements established for participation in a higher-performance building program in the State. Finally, it defines "State building" as one acquired, constructed, or renovated by the State or one for which 50% of the money for acquisition, construction, or renovation came from State funds.					

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B 24-0785	DC	Greener Government Buildings Amendment Act of 2022	Robert C. White Jr.	Transmitted to Congress, Projected Law Date is Mar 16, 2023	1/26/2023
The bill requires the Department of General Services to procure periodic net zero energy construction and maintenance training for facilities staff, certified business enterprises, and interested parties, to give net zero energy ready, fossil fuel free buildings priority consideration for the District government,Â’s facility needs, and to report every two years on certified business enterprise and resident employee participation in net zero energy and energy retrofiting projects.					
HF 772	MN	State Building Code; energy code for new commercial building adoption process modified.	Larry Kraft	Introduction and first reading, referred to Climate and Energy Finance and Policy	1/25/2023
This bill modifies the energy code, adding that beginning in 2024, the commissioner will adopt each newly published edition of ASHRAE 90.1 or a more efficient standard, and amend it as necessary to achieve a minimum of eight percent energy efficiency with each edition, as measured against energy consumption by an average building in each applicable building sector in 2003. These amendments must achieve a net zero energy standard for new commercial buildings by 2038 and thereafter.					

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SB 41	MI	Construction: housing; ordinance prohibiting the use of energy-efficient appliances in new or existing residential buildings; prohibit local units of government from enacting. Amends sec. 13a of 1972 PA 230 (MCL 125.1513a).	Michele Hoitenga	Referred to Committee on Local Government	1/25/2023
The bill prohibits a local unit of government from adopting, maintaining, or enforcing an ordinance that prohibits the use of an appliance that uses gas in a new or existing commercial or residential building or structure.					
HB 835	HI	Relating To Gas Appliances.	Andrew Takuya Garrett	Introduction and Pass First Reading.	1/25/2023
Beginning 1/1/2025, prohibits the installation of gas appliances in new construction within the State.					
HB 195	HI	Relating To Renewable Energy.	Nicole E. Lowen	Referred to EEP/WAL, CPC, FIN, referral sheet 1	Jan 25, 2023
This bill requires government entities in the State that issue building permits to implement SolarAPP+ or a functionally equivalent online automated permitting platform that verifies code compliance and issues permits to licensed contractors for solar distributed energy resource systems in real time by 1/1/2024. It also requires government entities in the State that issue building permits to adopt self-certification for solar distributed energy resource systems that are not SolarAPP+ compatible.					