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Upcoming Code Body Meetings



Meetings

State	Body	Date	Formula
California	California Energy Commission Business Meeting	3/6/2023	Info
New Hampshire	New Hampshire Mechanical Safety and Licensing Board Meeting	3/8/2023	Info
Washington	Washington State Building Code TAG Meeting	3/8/2023	Info
Washington	Washington State Building Code Council Legislative Committee Meeting	3/9/2023	Info
DC	DC Commercial Energy TAG Meeting	3/9/2023	Info
Washington	Washington State MVE Committee Meeting	3/10/2023	Info
Washington	Washington State BPF Committee Meeting	3/10/2023	Info
Virginia	Virginia Board for Contractors Meeting	3/14/2023	Info
Florida	Florida Building Commission Meeting	3/14/2023	Info
Virginia	Virginia Board for Contractors Meeting	3/14/2023	Info
California	California Plumbing, Electrical, Mechanical, & Energy CAC Meeting	3/15/2023	Info
Rhode Island	Rhode Island Energy Efficiency & Resource Management Council Meeting	3/16/2023	Info
Idaho	Idaho Building Code Board Meeting	3/16/2023	Info
New Hampshire	New Hampshire Electric Distribution Utilities Status Conference	3/16/2023	Info
Rhode Island	Rhode Island Energy Efficiency & Resource Management Council Meeting	3/16/2023	Info
DC	DC Construction Codes Coordinating Board Meeting	3/16/2023	Info
Washington	Washington State Building Code Council Meeting	3/17/2023	Info
Maine	Maine Electricians' Examining Board Meeting	3/17/2023	Info
New Hampshire	New Hampshire Energy Efficiency and Sustainable Energy Board	3/17/2023	Info
Virginia	Virginia State Building Code Technical Review Board Meeting	3/17/2023	Info

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Building

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Washington	3/8/2023	WA BC TAG discusses adoption of R-4 Occupancy Group The Washington State Building Council Technical Advisory Group (Building, Residential, and Fire) introduced off-cycle rules – among them, adoption of the R-4 Occupancy Group as amendments to the 2021 International Building Code.
New Hampshire	3/10/2023	IPC/IMC/IPSPSC Model Code Proposed Amendments The New Hampshire Building Code Review Board will discuss proposed amendments to the IPC, IMC, and IPSPSC model codes adopted in the New Hampshire codes and proposed by the Review Board and the public.

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Energy

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Massachusetts	3/2/2023	Mass. BBRS issues guidance on enforcement of 225 CMR 22.00 and 23.00 <p>The Massachusetts Board of Building Regulations and Standards issued joint guidance (via the DOL and DOER) to clarify that building officials shall continue to enforce the residential Stretch Code as updated in 225 CMR 22.00 as it did prior to December 9, 2022, when the Stretch Code was located solely in 780 CMR. Building officials shall continue to enforce the commercial Stretch Code in 780 CMR until the updates found in 225 CMR 23.00 take effect for new permit applications.</p>
Colorado	3/6/2023	Solar and EV-Ready Amendment Proposals <p>The Colorado Energy Code Board will allow members to propose and conduct a straw poll on amendments related to Solar-Ready and EV-Ready amendments to the Energy Code.</p>

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Bills with Recent Activity



Legislation

Bill #	State	Bill Title	Primary Sponsor	Last Action	Date
SF 1368	MN	Energy code adoption modification for new commercial buildings	Lindsey Port	Favorable with Amendments Report	3/6/2023
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.					
HB 6	MD	Department of General Services – Energy–Conserving Standards	Terri L. Hill	Draft of Enrolled Bill Prepared	3/6/2023
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.					
HB 532	UT	Building Code Revisions	Calvin R. Musselman	Scheduled for hearing	3/3/2023
This bill adopts, with certain statewide amendments, the International Code Council's 2021 edition of the International Building Code, including Appendix J, certain International Residential Code, including Appendices E and Q, International Plumbing Code, Mechanical Code, International Fuel Gas Code, commercial provisions of the International Energy Conservation Code, International Existing Building Code, and International Swimming Pool and Spa Code.					
HB 5600	RI	An Act Relating To Public Property And Works -- All-Electric Building Act	Terri-Denise Cortvriend	(S) Transmitted to House	3/3/2023
This bill creates a new chapter titled "All Electric Building Act". The Act would require all new buildings to be built with electricity as the sole energy source, with the exception of restaurants, hospitals, medical facilities, and biolabs, if a permit application was submitted after December 31, 2024. Cities and towns would be prohibited from issuing a permit for the conversion of an all-electric building to a mixed-fuel building. The Act would take effect upon passage and the Public Utilities Commission, the Office of Housing and Community Development, and the State Building Code Commission must report jointly to the Governor, Senate President, and Speaker of the House.					

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SB 406 LC 562	MT	Revise laws related to local building codes	Steve Fitzpatrick	Committee report	3/3/2023
This bill amends municipal authorization to adopt building codes. It specifies that a city, county, or town may not adopt or enforce a building code that is more stringent than the building code adopted by the department or as required by state law.					
SF 479	IA	A bill for an act repealing energy conservation requirements for new construction.(Formerly SF 334.)	Scott Webster	On motion	3/2/2023
This bill relates to state energy conservation requirements. The bill allows a governmental subdivision to adopt energy conservation requirements that are less restrictive than the state building code. The bill prohibits the state building code commissioner from amending or rescinding current rules creating energy conservation requirements except as required by the adoption of a statute by the general assembly.					
HP 622 LD 975	ME	An Act to Align Maine's Elevator Safety Laws with Maine Uniform Building and Energy Code Standards	W. Edward Crockett	Author added	3/2/2023
This bill requires that, for newly constructed buildings or for new additions that extend beyond the exterior wall of an existing building, passenger elevators conform to the International Building Code standard, as adopted in the Maine Uniform Building and Energy Code, regarding elevator car accommodations for an ambulance stretcher.					
HF 2170	MN	Establishment of global warming impact standards required for construction materials used in state buildings and roads...	Kaela Berg	Read second time and amended.	3/2/2023
The bill creates the Buy Clean and Buy Fair Minnesota Act. The Act directs the commissioner of the Department of Administration to establish and publish a maximum acceptable global warming potential for each eligible material used in an eligible project. Specifically for concrete and structural steel by January 15, 2025. The maximum global warming potential must be consistent with the criteria in an environmental product declaration.					
AB 43	CA	Greenhouse gas emissions: building materials: embodied carbon trading system.	Christopher R. Holden	Introduced	3/2/2023
This bill would express that it is the intent of the Legislature to enact future legislation establishing a Low Carbon Product Standard (LCPS) to facilitate a credit trading platform for building materials and to enact future legislation to require that the LCPS establish a compliance system					

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HB 5851	RI	An Act Relating To Health And Safety – Solar Neighborhoods Act	Jennifer Boylan	Referred to Com.	3/1/2023
This bill introduces a new Chapter titled "Solar Neighborhoods Act". The Act directs the Rhode Island State Building Code Commission to draft and adopt amendments to the state building codes related to solar energy systems in new buildings. The amendments would include static load roof strength requirements, positioning of non-solar related equipment, sizing of electrical panels to accommodate a solar energy system, roof orientation and angle, and roof types that would avoid roof penetrations.					
SB 795	CA	Energy: building energy efficiency: heating, ventilation, and air conditioning equipment...	Henry I. Stern	Referred to Coms.	3/1/2023
This bill would require the commission to develop and implement an electronic statewide heating, ventilation, and air conditioning (HVAC) equipment sales registry and compliance tracking system. The bill would also require the commission to develop and implement an electronic statewide compliance document data repository.					
SB 682	CA	Low-carbon cement and concrete.	Nancy Skinner	THIRD READING	3/1/2023
The bill would set a policy for state agencies to purchase or specify at least 10%, by volume, of cement and concrete, including supplementary cementitious materials by 2030 and to exclude the purchase of fossil-based supplementary cementitious materials by 2035. The bill would require, by March 31, 2024, the Transportation Agency, the Department of Transportation, the Department of General Services, the Department of Water Resources, and other state agencies, in collaboration with the State Air Resources Board, to develop and enter into advance procurement agreements for the purchase or specification of low-carbon cement and low-carbon concrete products up to 10 years in advance that would facilitate the development of production of concrete, cement, and supplementary cementitious materials that meet or exceed the benchmark for low-carbon cement and concrete.					
S 3531	NY	Directs the state fire prevention and building code council to update the state fire prevention and building code and the state energy conservation construction code	James G. Skoufis	Placed on cal.	3/1/2023
This bill directs the state fire prevention and building code council to update the state fire prevention and building code and the state energy conservation construction code within 18 months of the publication of any updated or revised edition of the international and national codes.					

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HB 799 SB 1377	TN	Codes - As introduced, requires that the 2018 International Energy Conservation Code published by the International Code Council be used for the minimum energy conservation standards for new residential construction.	Jason Zachary, White	Second reading	3/1/2023
This bill amends the code, adding that a local jurisdiction may adopt the 2000 International Energy Conservation Code with 2002 amendments, published by the ICC, as the minimum requirements for the effective use of energy in new buildings in that jurisdiction. It also adds that for a new residential building construction on or after July 1, 2023, the energy conservation standards in the 2018 International Energy Conservation Code published by the International Code Council are the state energy conservation standards.					
SB 48	CA	Water and Energy Savings Act.	Josh Becker	Introduced	3/1/2023
This bill provides that it is the intent of the Legislature to enact subsequent legislation to create building performance standards for improvements in energy efficiency and reductions in the emissions of greenhouse gases in large buildings, including measures to ensure that making the necessary investments to improve these buildings will improve equity and avoid displacement or increased energy burdens.					
HF 490	IA	A bill for an act relating to building design element regulation by governmental subdivisions, and including effective date provisions.	Webster	Draft of Enrolled Bill Prepared	2/28/2023
This bill prohibits a governmental subdivision from adopting or enforcing a rule, charter provision, ordinance, order, building code, or other regulation that governs building design elements in three primary manners. First, a governmental subdivision cannot prohibit or limit the use or installation of a building product or material in the construction, renovation, maintenance, or other alteration of a residential building or structure if the building product or material is approved for use by an applicable, recently published national model code and the building product or material has not been removed from a national model code for failing to meet fire and safety standards. Second, a governmental subdivision cannot establish a standard for a building product, material, or aesthetic method in construction, renovation, maintenance, or other alteration of a residential building or structure if the standard is more stringent than a standard for the product, material, or aesthetic method under a recently published national model code. Third, a governmental subdivision cannot establish a new, or amend an existing, residential building design element requirement unless certain conditions apply to either the building or the requirement.					

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HB 409	UT	State Construction and Fire Codes Amendments	Thomas Peterson	Reset on Final calendar	2/28/2023
The bill repeals the Tall Wood Buildings of Mass Timber Construction Incorporated as Part of the State Construction Code, adopts the 2021 edition of the International Fire Code, with amendments; and adopts and amends certain National Fire Protection Association codes and standards.					
SB 1377 HB 799	TN	Codes - As introduced, requires that the 2018 International Energy Conservation Code published by the International Code Council be used for the minimum energy conservation standards for new residential construction.	Steve Southerland	Committee report	2/28/2023
This bill declares that the energy conservation standards for a new residential building construction on or after July 1, 2023, will be the 2018 International Energy Conservation Code. The bill provides that for new non-residential construction, a local government shall adopt the state code for energy conservation in new building construction with any amendments it deems reasonably necessary to accommodate local conditions.					
HF 772	MN	State Building Code; energy code for new commercial building adoption process modified.	Larry Kraft		2/27/2023
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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State Rules & Notices



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State	Pub. Date	Type	Title
NM	2/28/2023	Final	2020 New Mexico Electrical Code
<p>This rule adopts the 2020 NEC and will be amended by the Construction Industries Division of the Regulation and Licensing Department. It will be applied in conjunction with 14.7.6 NMAC, the 2018 New Mexico Residential Energy Conservation Code and 14.7.9 NMAC, the 2018 New Mexico Commercial Energy Conservation Code.</p>			