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Building Code Alerts

Upcoming Code Body Meetings



Meetings

State	Body	Date	Formula
Vermont	Vermont Access Board Meeting	1/29/2024	Info
Rhode Island	Rhode Island Fire Safety Code Board of Appeal and Review Meeting	1/30/2024	Info
Texas	Texas State Board of Plumbing Examiners Meeting	1/31/2024	Info
Massachusetts	Massachusetts Board of State Examiners of Plumbers and Gas Fitters Meeting	1/31/2024	Info
Pennsylvania	Pennsylvania UCC Review and Advisory Council Meeting	2/1/2024	Info
Washington	Washington State BCC Legislative Committee Meeting	2/1/2024	Info
Massachusetts	Massachusetts Board of Fire Prevention Regulations Meeting	2/1/2024	Info
West Virginia	West Virginia State Fire Commission Committee Meeting	2/2/2024	Info
West Virginia	West Virginia State Fire Commission Meeting	2/2/2024	Info
Minnesota	Minnesota Residential Energy Code TAG Meeting	2/5/2024	Info
Florida	Florida Building Commission Accessibility Advisory Council	2/5/2024	Info
Rhode Island	Rhode Island Fire Safety Code Board of Appeal and Review Meeting	2/6/2024	Info
Florida	Florida Building Code Administrators and Inspectors Board Meeting	2/7/2024	Info
New Hampshire	New Hampshire Mechanical Safety and Licensing Board Meeting	2/7/2024	Info
Oregon	Oregon Building Codes Structure Board	2/7/2024	Info
Nevada	Southern Nevada ICC Membership Meeting	2/8/2024	Info
Washington	Washington State BCC Legislative Committee Meeting	2/8/2024	Info

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Washington	Washington State Building Code Council Public Hearing	2/9/2024	Info
Florida	Florida Building Commission Energy Technical Advisory Committee Meeting	2/9/2024	Info
Florida	Florida Building Commission Meeting	2/13/2024	Info
California	California Energy Commission Business Meeting	2/14/2024	Info
Idaho	Idaho Plumbing Board Meeting	2/15/2024	Info
Florida	Florida Building Commission Existing Building Inspection Workgroup	2/15/2024	Info
Washington	Washington State BCC Legislative Committee Meeting	2/15/2024	Info
Washington	Washington State Building Code Council Meeting	2/16/2024	Info
Maine	Maine Electricians' Examining Board Meeting	2/16/2024	Info
Idaho	Idaho Building Code Board Meeting	2/20/2024	Info
Rhode Island	Rhode Island Fire Safety Code Board of Appeal and Review Meeting	2/20/2024	Info
Oklahoma	Oklahoma Uniform Building Code Commission Public Hearing	2/20/2024	Info
Idaho	Idaho HVAC Board Meeting	2/21/2024	Info
California	California Energy Commission Business Meeting	2/21/2024	Info
Alabama	Alabama Plumbers and Gasfitters Examining Board Meeting	2/22/2024	Info
Vermont	Vermont Access Board Meeting	2/26/2024	Info
Minnesota	Minnesota Residential Energy Code TAG Meeting	2/26/2024	Info
Minnesota	Minnesota Construction Codes Advisory Council Meeting	2/29/2024	Info

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Recent Activity Alerts



Energy

State	Date	Title
Minnesota	2/5/2024	Minnesota Residential Energy Code TAG Meeting #14: Key Agenda Items on 2021 IECC Provisions, Air Sealing Code Changes, and Chapter Reviews on February 5, 2024
The Minnesota Residential Energy Code TAG will convene on February 5, 2024. Agenda items include includes reviewing the 2021 IECC residential provisions, focusing on code change proposals for air sealing, and starting the review of chapters 5 and 6. Time permitting, administrative portions of the 2015 MRE will also be discussed.		

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Misc.

State	Date	Title
Massachusetts	1/31/2024	Massachusetts Board of State Examiners of Plumbers and Gas Fitters to Convene on January 31st for Review of NFPA-54
The Massachusetts Board of State Examiners of Plumbers and Gas Fitters will convene on January 31st @ 1 PM to review sections 3,4,5,6,7,8,12 of the 2024 NFPA-54.		

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Bills with Recent Activity



Legislation

Bill #	State	Bill Title	Primary Sponsor	Last Action	Date
HB 1456	VA	Solar-ready roofs for certain gov't bldgs.; net-zero energy consumption bldg. design for schools.	Betsy Carr	House: Assigned GL sub: Housing/Consumer Protection	1/26/2024

The proposed amendments require any executive branch agency or institution entering the design phase for the construction of a new building greater than 5,000 gross square feet in size, or the renovation of a building where the cost of the renovation exceeds 50 percent of the value of the building, to ensure that the building is designed, constructed, verified, and operated to comply with high-performance building certification programs and VEES. The building must also have sufficient electric vehicle charging infrastructure, features that permit tracking of energy efficiency and associated carbon emissions, and a solar-ready, cool, or energy-efficient roof. The Director of the Department may grant exemptions from these standards under certain circumstances. Each agency or institution must submit an annual report detailing energy efficiency and associated carbon emissions metrics for each building built or renovated in accordance with the standards.

HB 151	VA	Energy, Department of; building standards for certain local buildings.	Daniel Helmer	House: Printed as engrossed 24105608D-EH1	2024-01-26
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This bill requires any locality that is planning to construct a new building larger than 5,000 gross square feet or renovate a building where the renovation costs exceed 50% of the building's value to adhere to certain standards. Firstly, the building must be designed, constructed, verified, and operated in accordance with a high performance building certification program. Additionally, the building must have sufficient zero-emission vehicle (ZEV) charging and fueling infrastructure. The locality must also implement features that allow for the measurement of the building's energy consumption and the calculation of associated carbon emissions, including metering of all electricity, gas, water, and other utilities. The bill also states that for buildings that are smaller than 20,000 gross square feet, the locality has the option to achieve relevant ENERGY STAR certification and implement commissioning instead of the high-performance building standards. If the building type is not eligible for ENERGY STAR certification, energy modeling must be used to demonstrate that the project will perform at least as well as the ENERGY STAR Target Finder value or meet equivalent standards provided in the guidance.

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S 2302	NJ	Establishes "Zero Energy Construction Act"; requires all new residential and commercial developments to be zero energy ready; requires developers to offer zero energy construction.	James Beach	Introduced in the Senate, Referred to Senate Community and Urban Affairs Committee	1/25/2024
This bill mandates that all new residential and commercial developments must be zero energy ready starting from January 1, 2025, requiring developers to provide this option to prospective owners. The aim is to reduce energy consumption contributing to climate change and long-term energy costs, with additional provisions for informational resources, incentives, and regulatory adjustments.					
SB 373	NH	relative to the state building code.	Regina Birdsell	Hearing: 02/07/2024, Room 103, SH, 09:00 am; SC 5	1/24/2024
This bill amends the state building code definition by updating the referenced International Building Code and other related codes to the versions from 2021, and it specifies that any other national or model codes not explicitly included in the listed codes shall not be part of the state building code. The effective date of this act is 60 days after its passage.					
SB 437	NH	relative to local authority to amend the state building code.	Sharon Carson	Hearing: 02/07/2024, Room 103, SH, 09:15 am; SC 5	1/24/2024
This bill requires all local ordinances amending the state building code to comply with the procedures in law for review and approval of additional local regulations to the state building code established in RSA 155-A.					

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LB 164	NE	LB164 - Adopt updates to building and energy codes	Terrell McKinney	Wayne AM2175 pending	1/24/2024
This bill adopts the following building codes: The International Building Code (IBC), chapter 13 of the 2021 6 edition, and all but such chapter of the 2018 edition, except 101.4.3 and chapter 29, and The International Residential Code (IRC), chapter 11 of the 2021 12 edition, and all but such chapter of the 2018 edition, except section 13 R313 and chapters 25 through 33. A local building or construction code shall be deemed to conform generally with the state building code if it adopts Chapter 13 of the 2021 edition of the International Building Code, or Chapter 11 of the 2021 edition of the International Residential Code.					
SB 2437	HI	Relating To Construction Waste.	Malie Shimabukuro	Referred to PSM/AEN , WAM.	1/22/2024
This bill requires the State Building Codes to incorporate the International Green Construction Code. It sets specified targets for the recycling, reuse, donation, and resale of nonhazardous construction waste. The bill requires that at least 25% of such waste from public buildings and at least 20% from private buildings be diverted from disposal and made available for recycling, reuse, donation, or resale.					
LB 1219	NE	LB1219 - Adopt updates to building and energy codes	John Cavanaugh	Notice of hearing for February 13, 2024	1/22/2024
The bill aims to amend various sections of the state building and energy codes in Nebraska. It proposes the adoption of updates to the building and energy codes and the repeal of the original sections. The proposed changes include the adoption of the International Building Code (IBC), International Residential Code (IRC), International Existing Building Code, and the Uniform Plumbing Code. The bill also addresses the enforcement of local building or construction codes by counties, cities, or villages. It states that if a county, city, or village does not adopt a code within two years after an update to the state building code, the state building code shall apply.					