

Building Code Alerts - February 5th, 2024

Upcoming Code Body Meetings

State	Body	Date	Formula
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
Indiana	Indiana Fire Prevention and Building Safety Commission 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
Massachusetts	Massachusetts Board of State Examiners of Plumbers and Gas Fitters Meeting	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
DC	DC Construction Codes Coordinating Board Meeting	2/8/2024	Info
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 Code Administrators and Inspectors Board Meeting	2/9/2024	Info
New Hampshire	New Hampshire State Building Code Review Board 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
DC	DC Construction Codes Coordinating Board 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
Virginia	Virginia State Building Code Technical Review 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
Georgia	Georgia Department of Community Affairs IRC Task Force Meeting	2/21/2024	Info
Florida	Florida Building Commission Mechanical TAC Meeting	2/21/2024	Info
Florida	Florida Building Commission Plumbing TAC Meeting	2/21/2024	Info
Florida	Florida Building Commission Special Occupancy TAC Meeting	2/21/2024	Info
Florida	Florida Building Commission Swimming Pool TAC Meeting	2/21/2024	Info

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Georgia	2/21/2024	Georgia 2024 IRC Task Force Meeting Set for Feb. 21st, 2024
The 2024 IRC Task Force will convene in Atlanta on Feb 21st to discuss code amendments to the 2024 IRC. All proposed amendments submitted by parties outside of the Task Force Members shall be received by March 8th, 2024, per the agenda.		

State	Date	Title
Georgia	2/22/2024	Georgia 2024 IBC Task Force Meeting set for Feb 22nd
The 2024 IBC Task Force will convene in Atlanta on Feb 22nd to discuss changes to the 2024 IBC. All proposed amendments submitted by parties outside of the Task Force Members shall be received by March 22nd, 2024, per the agenda.		

Bills with Recent Activity

Bill #	State	Bill Title	Primary Sponsor	Last Action	Date
HB 2071	WA	Concerning residential housing regulations.	Davina Duerr	Executive action taken in the House Committee on Appropriations at 9:00 AM.	2/3/2024
This bill proposes several new sections to the state's residential housing regulations. It includes provisions for multiplex housing, stating that the state building code council must convene a technical advisory group to recommend additions or amendments to rules and codes that would apply the international residential code to multiplex housing and exempt multiplex housing from the international building code. Additionally, it provides provisions for retrofits of existing buildings and requirements for new residential construction meeting passive house requirements.					

SB 168	UT	Housing Affordability Amendments	Lincoln S. Fillmore	Senate/ received fiscal note from Fiscal Analyst : Senate Economic Development and Workforce Services Committee	2024-02-02
<p>This bill adds ICC/Modular Building Institute Standards 1200 and 1205, except as modified by the title to the definition of Construction Code. This bill sets out regulations for modular unit construction, installation, and permit issuance in alignment with state construction codes. The bill provides guidelines for who could review the construction documents, issue a permit for the construction of a modular building unit, inspect onsite construction, verify compliance with state codes and requirements, and discover any violations or potential hazards. The bill also outlines the role of the Division of Facilities Construction and Management in maintaining up-to-date information relevant to modular building unit installation, conducting inspections, imposing additional oversight if deficiencies are discovered, and creating rules for a continuing education requirement for modular building unit construction and installation contractors. The bill further emphasizes the need for third-party inspection agencies to be licensed, approved, and insured, and to perform duties in accordance with established standards. A modular manufacturer is required to contract third-party agencies or inspectors to perform offsite construction document review and inspection.</p>					
SB 6291	WA	Streamlining the state building code council operating procedures by establishing criteria for statewide amendments to the state building code.	Lynda Johnson	Placed on second reading by Rules Committee.	2/2/2024
<p>This bill proposes amendments to streamline the operating procedures of the State Building Code Council, primarily by establishing criteria for statewide amendments to the state building code. The bill outlines a three-year state-building code adoption cycle aligned with the adoption cycle of model codes. Substantive changes to the state building code are restricted to this three-year cycle, with provisions for exceptional cases. The council is mandated to review and take action on the most recent editions of model codes within 30 months of their publication. Additionally, the bill introduces the possibility of an interim code adoption cycle to address errors, omissions, or outdated regulations. Emergency statewide amendments to the building code can be considered at any time, and off-cycle amendments can be initiated when directed by the legislature. In terms of council membership, the bill outlines a transparent process for filling open positions, involving posting on the council website, trade association nominations, and gubernatorial appointments.</p>					

HB 2787 SB 2635	TN	Codes - As introduced, authorizes a local government to amend adopted building codes to include three-family dwellings and four-family dwellings within the scope of the residential code. - Amends TCA Title 68, Chapter 120.	Jody Barrett	Intro., P1C.	2/1/2024
This bill authorizes a local government to amend adopted building codes to include three-family dwellings and four-family dwellings within the scope of the residential code by modifying, transitioning, and establishing minimum prescriptive requirements to address the design and construction of those dwellings and make conforming changes to adopted building codes.					
HB 1456	VA	Solar-ready roofs for certain gov't bldgs.; net-zero energy consumption bldg. design for schools.	Betsy Carr	House: Subcommittee recommends referring to Committee on Appropriations	2/1/2024
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.					
SB 682	CA	Low-carbon cement and low-carbon concrete.	Nancy Skinner	Returned to Secretary of Senate pursuant to Joint Rule 56.	2/1/2024
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.					
SB 2635 HB 2530	TN	Codes - As introduced, authorizes a local government to amend adopted building codes to include three-family dwellings and four-family dwellings within the scope of the residential code. - Amends TCA Title 68, Chapter 120.	Paul Rose	Filed for introduction	1/31/2024
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SF 2154	IA	A bill for an act relating to building design element regulation by governmental subdivisions, and including effective date provisions.(Formerly SF 174, SF 43.)	N/A	Committee report, approving bill.	1/31/2024
This bill prohibits governmental subdivisions from adopting or enforcing regulations that govern building design elements in a more restrictive manner than national model codes and does not limit the rights of private parties to enact regulations. It takes effect upon enactment.					
HB 7377	RI	An Act Relating To State Affairs And Government -- State Building Code -- Rhode Island Inclusive Home Design Act (Establishes The Rhode Island Inclusive Home Design Act As A New Article In The State Building Code.)	Jennifer Stewart	Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government & Housing	1/31/2024
This act would require certain new housing construction to include at least one floor that meets the accessibility requirements for a Type C (Visitable) Unit based on ANSI Standards.					
HB 823	MD	Fire Protection and Prevention - Residential Rental Property - Requirements (Melanie Nicholle Diaz Fire Safety Act)	Lorig Charkoudian	First Reading Environment and Transportation and Ways and Means	1/31/2024
This bill establishes certain requirements relating to the installation of certain fire safety equipment in residential rental high-rise buildings and certain other property. It authorizes the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore City or the governing body of a county or municipal corporation to grant a certain property tax credit and establishes the Workgroup to Develop					

Fire Safety Best Practices for Pre-1974 High-Rise Buildings.					
SB 2430 HB 2530	TN	Codes - As introduced, prohibits a local government from limiting or prohibiting the use or installation of products that meet the national codes and standards or materials that meet the national codes and standards for single-family or multi-family housing or commercial construction under four stories.	Bill Powers	Introduced, Passed on First Consideration	1/31/2024
This amendment prohibits local government entities from limiting or prohibiting the use or installation of any product or material that meets national codes and standards for construction of single-family or multi-family housing or commercial buildings up to four stories in height. Currently, local government entities have the authority to regulate or restrict the use or installation of certain products or materials through the adoption, amendment, or enforcement of regulations, ordinances, or codes. T					
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HB 2465	WA	Streamlining the state building code council operating procedures by establishing criteria for statewide amendments to the state building code.	Alex Ramel	Referred to Rules 2 Review.	1/31/2024
<p>This bill proposes amendments to streamline the operating procedures of the State Building Code Council in Washington. It adopts various international codes related to building, residential, mechanical, fire, and accessibility standards. The bill establishes a three-year state-building code adoption cycle and outlines procedures for adopting, amending, or repealing model codes. It allows for an interim code adoption cycle to address errors or omissions and permits emergency statewide amendments. The council is required to seek input from first responders and may issue opinions upon request. The bill also addresses the term limits and appointment procedures for council members.</p>					
HB 151	VA	Energy, Department of; building standards for certain local buildings.	Daniel Helmer	Senate: Referred to Committee on General Laws and Technology	1/30/2024
<p>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.</p>					
SB 695	MD	Building Code - Construction and Significant Renovation of Housing Units - Electric Vehicle Parking Spaces	Brian Feldman	First Reading Education, Energy, and the Environment	1/29/2024
<p>This bill requires the construction of new multifamily residential buildings with separate garages, carports, or driveways for each unit to include parking spaces for electric vehicle charging. It also requires significant renovations of housing units with separate garages, carports, or driveways to include parking spaces for electric vehicle recharging, and mandates the construction or significant renovations of housing units with common use parking to include</p>					

electric vehicle charging spaces.					
SB 689	MD	Fire Protection and Prevention – Residential Rental Property – Requirements (Melanie Nicholle Diaz Fire Safety Act)	William Smith Jr.	First Reading Education, Energy, and the Environment	1/29/2024
This bill establishes certain requirements relating to the installation of certain fire safety equipment in residential rental high-rise buildings and certain other property. It authorizes the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore City or the governing body of a county or municipal corporation to grant a certain property tax credit and establishes the Workgroup to Develop Fire Safety Best Practices for Pre-1974 High-Rise Buildings.					

Rules and Notices

State	Pub. Date	Type	Title
OR	2/1/24	Proposed	Adopts The 2023 Oregon Energy Efficiency Specialty Code
These proposed rules update the energy provisions of the Oregon Structural Specialty Code (OSSC) from ASHRAE 90.1-2019 to the 2022 edition of ANSI/ASHRAE/IES Standard 90.1 with additional Oregon amendments. The proposed rules will provide a six-month phase-in period where either standard can be used. The anticipated effective date is July 1, 2024.			
ME	1/31/24	Proposed	Maine Uniform Building Code – Existing Building Code
This rule adopts the 2021 IBC, IEBC, IRC, IECC, and allows municipalities to adopt the Main Uniform Building and Energy Code (MUBEC) Stretch Code Appendix so long as it replaces the based energy code in its entirety as the minimum energy code for the municipality.			