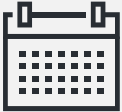


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Upcoming Code Body Meetings



Meetings

State	Body	Date	Link
CA	California Building Standards Commission Meeting	1/19/2022	Info
NH	New Hampshire Board of Fire Control Meeting	1/19/2022	Info
MI	Michigan Bureau of Construction Codes Meeting	1/19/2022	Info
OR	Oregon Energy Advisory Work Group Meeting	1/19/2022	Info
AZ	Arizona Board of Manufactured Housing Meeting	1/19/2022	Info
MA	Fire Prevention and Fire Protection Advisory Committee Meeting	1/19/2022	Info
OH	Ohio State Fire Council Meeting	1/19/2022	Info
CA	California Building Standards Commission Meeting	1/20/2022	Info
MI	Michigan State Fire Safety Board Meeting	1/20/2022	Info
MN	Minnesota Construction Codes Advisory Council Meeting	1/20/2022	Info
MT	Montana State Electrical Board Meeting	1/20/2022	Info
MN	Minnesota Construction Codes Advisory Council Meeting	1/20/2022	Info
DC	DC Construction Codes Coordinating Board Meeting	1/20/2022	Info
WA	Washington State Building Code Council MVE Meeting	1/20/2022	Info
MA	Massachusetts Board of Building Regulation and Standards Meeting	1/20/2022	Info
NC	North Carolina Energy Ad-Hoc Committee Meeting	1/21/2022	Info
MI	Michigan Bureau of Construction Codes Meeting	1/21/2022	Info
VA	Virginia State Code Technical Review Board Meeting	1/21/2022	Info
WA	Washington State Building Code Council Meeting	1/21/2022	Info

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Building

State	Date	Title
Washington	1/13/2022	IBC 2021 Adoption
<p>Washington has filed a proposed rule that adopts the 2021 edition of the International Building Code, published by the International Code Council, with state amendments to incorporate proposed changes as adopted by the Washington State Building Code Council. The rules will provide increased clarity and life safety measures for building construction in Washington State. The date of intended adoption is April 15, 2022.</p>		
Massachusetts	1/20/2022	10th Edition Discussions
<p>On January 20, the Board of Building Regulations and Standards will discuss and vote on the 10th Edition of the proposed Existing Building Code. They will also discuss and vote on 10th Edition proposed amendments from the Structural Advisory Committee.</p>		
North Carolina	1/13/2022	Proposed Rule Radon
<p>The North Carolina Building Code Council is considering a proposed rule that would provide guidance on the design and installation of radon mitigation systems and their activation.</p>		

Fire

State	Date	Title
Washington	1/13/2022	IFC 2021 Adoption
<p>Washington has filed a proposed rule that adopts the 2021 edition of the International Fire Code, published by the International Code Council, with state amendments to incorporate proposed changes as adopted by the Washington State Building Code Council. The rules will provide increased clarity and life safety measures for building construction in Washington state. The date of intended adoption is April 15, 2022.</p>		

Electrical/Plumbing

State	Date	Title
North Carolina	1/13/2022	Proposed Rule Electrical Code
<p>The North Carolina Building Code Council is considering a proposed rule that is recommending the effective date for application of the 2020 State Electrical Code to one- and two-family dwellings be established as November 1, 2022.</p>		
North Carolina	1/13/2022	Proposed Rule IPC Elevators
<p>The North Carolina Building Code Council is considering a proposed rule that would align the North Carolina Plumbing Code requirement with the 2018 International Plumbing Code regarding hydraulic elevator pits. It would also eliminate an issue being created by one local interpretation of the sentence proposed for deletion.</p>		

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State	Date	Title
Georgia	1/1/2022	New 2022 Georgia Amendments
<p>The Department of Community Affairs has adopted 2022 Georgia Amendments to the 2018 International Building Code, 2018 International Fuel Gas Code, 2018 International Plumbing Code and the 2015 International Energy Conservation Code effective January 1, 2022.</p>		
Pennsylvania	2/14/2022	2018 ICC Code Adoption
<p>The Pennsylvania Uniform Construction Code is adopting the 2018 ICC Codes (2017 NEC) on February 14, 2022.</p>		
Washington	10/15/2021	Emergency Rule: Heat Pumps WSR 21-22-014
<p>The Building Code Council has filed a rule to modify requirements in chapter 51-11R WAC to allow the partial installation of heat pumps to receive the credit allotted under Table C406.3 during the current lack of compressors and/or parts. The State Building Code Council was notified by the industry that because of the current global microchip shortage, they are not able to obtain the outdoor portion of residential heat pumps. Because the equipment is a frequently installed component to achieving the required energy credits in the residential energy code, there is a concern that projects already permitted and in construction will not be able to obtain a certificate of occupancy, which in turn can also affect the financing. This emergency rule is being adopted to specify that homes can still receive the certificate of occupancy and the required energy credits while still waiting on installation of the outdoor compressor unit.</p>		
Washington	1/18/2022	2021/2022 Code Review and Adoption Schedule
<p>The Washington State Building Code Council has posted the 2021/2022 Code Review and Adoption Schedule.</p>		

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Legislation

State	Bill #	Bill Title	Primary Sponsor	Last Action	Date
WV	HB 4143	"Authorizing the Fire Commission to promulgate a legislative rule relating to the State Building Code"	Geoff Foster	Filed for introduction	Jan 18, 2022
This bill would add an amendment to the State Building Code , 87 CSR 04, paragraph 4.1.f.1, by striking out everything after the word "shall" and inserting in lieu thereof: "conform to the 2009 edition of the International Energy Conservation Code.					
WA	HB 2020	"Concerning the creation of affordable and sustainable housing in the state."	Amy Walen	Scheduled for hearing in House Committee on Local Government	Jan 18, 2022
This bill adds a new section providing that any city or county planning under RCW 36.70A.040 must enact sustainable housing programs providing for the development for new, certified sustainable housing. Standards set by local design review boards must allow for buildings constructed with passive house, LEED, or living building challenge certifications.					
WA	HB 1682	"Concerning a compliance pathway specific to emissions-intensive, trade-exposed businesses for achieving their proportionate share of the state's emissions reduction limits through 2050."	Joe Fitzgibbon	Scheduled for public hearing in the House Committee on Environment & Energy at 8:00 AM (Subject to change).	Jan 18, 2022
This bill adds that for the year beginning January 1, 2035, the benchmark for each emissions-intensive, trade-exposed facility is 88 percent of the facility's carbon intensity baseline. For each year beginning January 1, 2036, until January 1, 2050, the benchmark for each emissions intensive, trade-exposed facility is six percent below the percentage of no cost allowances awarded during the preceding year.					
WV	SB 304	"Fire Commission rule relating to State Building Code"	Dave Sypolt	Filed for introduction	Jan 17, 2022
This bill would add an amendment to the State Building Code , 87 CSR 04, paragraph 4.1.f.1, by striking out everything after the word "shall" and inserting in lieu thereof: "conform to the 2009 edition of the International Energy Conservation Code.					
VT	H 619	" An act relating to the installation of fireblocking in single-family dwellings"	Casey Toof	Read First Time and referred to the Committee on General, Housing, and Military Affairs	Jan 13, 2022
This bill proposes to require all new and existing single-family dwellings to have fireblocking installed before they are sold.					

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VT	H 594	"An act relating to jurisdiction over building energy codes"	Scott Campbell	Read First Time and referred to the Committee on Energy and Technology	Jan 13, 2022
<p>This bill proposes to change the name of the Department of Public Safety, Division of Fire Safety, to the Division of Fire and Building Safety and give it jurisdiction over the implementation of Vermont's energy codes, the Residential Building Energy Standards (RBES), and the Commercial Building Energy Standards (CBES). Currently, the Division has jurisdiction over all other codes related to building safety, but the Public Service Department (PSD) develops and maintains the RBES and CBES. The Division and the PSD shall coordinate as necessary to administer and update Vermont's energy codes. The bill would expand the Division's jurisdiction to over both energy codes and single-family housing.</p>					
WA	SB 5722	"Reducing greenhouse gas emissions in buildings."	Joe Nguyen	Public hearing in the Senate Committee on Environment, Energy & Technology at 10:30 AM.	Jan 13, 2022
<p>This bill provides that by December 1, 2023, the department must adopt by rule a state energy management and benchmarking requirement for tier 2 covered buildings. In developing energy performance standards under this chapter, the department may establish targets for greenhouse gas-adjusted energy use intensity to maximize reductions of greenhouse gas emissions from the building sector.</p>					
MO	HB 1661	"Adds provisions relating to the International Swimming Pool and Spa Code"	Ron Hicks	Referred: Economic Development(H)	Jan 13, 2022
<p>This bill provides that to protect the public health, safety, and welfare, the International Swimming Pool and Spa Code as it existed on May 1, 2021, is adopted as the county and municipal swimming pool and spa code in this state.</p>					
CA	AB 1369	"Buy Clean California Act: eligible materials: product-specific global warming potential emissions."	Steve Bennett	Re-referred to Com. on APPR.	Jan 13, 2022
<p>Amends the Buy Clean California Act. This bill would define eligible materials to additionally include gypsum board, insulation, carpet and carpet tiles, ceiling tiles, and any other major structural, high-impact architectural, civil, or high-impact materials for which there is either a product category rule or an environmental product declaration. The bill would also require the department, by January 1, 2023, to establish and publish a maximum acceptable global warming potential for each category of eligible materials, set at the industry average of product-specific global warming potential emissions for that material, expressed as specified.</p>					

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VA	HB 885	"Uniform Statewide Building Code; livability standards."	Alfonso Lopez	House: Committee Referral Pending	Jan 12, 2022
Expands the list of provisions in the Uniform Statewide Building Code related to recognized standards of health and safety required to be present in buildings and structures to include standards related to (i) the accumulation and growth of mold, (ii) plumbing leaks or issues, (iii) air conditioning and heating equipment and running hot water, and (iv) the removal of lead paint and paint that is flaking.					
VA	HB 998	"Building energy use intensity; reporting; reduction; requirements; incentives."	Kaye Kory	House: Committee Referral Pending	Jan 12, 2022
Allows localities to incentivize, by ordinance, the owner or operator of a building meeting certain criteria, or an agent of such owner or operator, to report energy use intensity (EUI) information and reduce EUI. The bill allows localities to set EUI requirements for certain buildings and develop local incentive programs for increasing building energy efficiency.					
VA	HB 905	"Energy efficiency standards; more stringent energy efficiency requirements."	Alfonso Lopez	House: Committee Referral Pending	Jan 12, 2022
Allows a locality by ordinance to create and require stretch codes, defined in the bill as energy efficiency standards that are in addition to or more stringent than those in the Uniform Statewide Building Code, and use them as an alternative means of compliance with a locality's building requirements. The bill requires periodic review of the codes and allows the locality to make amendments.					
MD	HB 171	"Climate Crisis and Environmental Justice Act"	Dave Fraser-Hidalgo	First Reading Economic Matters and Environment and Transportation	Jan 12, 2022
Creates the Climate Crisis Infrastructure Fund to expand the use of clean energy sources and energy efficiency in the electricity and other energy-consuming sectors, create a cleaner, more just, and more efficient transportation sector throughout the state, fund resiliency against climate change and weather events that have an impact on the lives of the citizens of the state and its economy, and promote a transition to clean energy.					
MD	SB 81	"Charter Counties - Enforcement of Local Building Performance Laws (Building Energy Performance Standards Act of 2022)"	Brian Feldman	First Reading Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs	Jan 12, 2022
This bill adds that a gross floor area means the total indoor property square footage measured between the principal exterior surfaces of the enclosing fixed walls of a building It adds that a county may provide for the enforcement of building energy performance laws by civil fines not exceeding \$10 per square foot of gross floor area.					

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MD	HB 61	"Charter Counties - Enforcement of Local Building Performance Laws (Building Energy Performance Standards Act of 2022)"	Vaughn Stewart	First Reading Environment and Transportation	Jan 12, 2022
This bill adds that a gross floor area means the total indoor property square footage measured between the principal exterior surfaces of the enclosing fixed walls of a building. It adds that a county may provide for the enforcement of building energy performance laws by civil fines not exceeding \$10 per square foot of gross floor area.					
MD	HB 43	"Department of General Services – Energy–Conserving Standards (Maryland Sustainable Buildings Act of 2022)"	Terri Hill	First Reading Health and Government Operations and Appropriations	Jan 12, 2022
This 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 that the Council establishes for participation in a higher performance building program in the State.					
NY	S 7176	"Relates to establishing the "Advanced Building Codes, Appliance and Equipment Efficiency Standards Act of 2021""	Kevin Parker	2ND REPORT CAL.	Jan 12, 2022
This bill establishes the Advanced Building Codes, Appliance, and Equipment Efficiency Standards Act of 2021. It adds the promotion of clean energy and the implementation of the climate agenda set forth in the NY State Climate Leadership and Community Protection Act to the State Energy Conservation Construction Code.					
The bill also increases the efficiency standards of appliances and equipment by the State Energy Conservation Construction Code.					
NY	A 2039	"Relates to modular construction work"	Erik Dilan	Substitute S 4738 action - ADVANCED TO THIRD READING	Jan 12, 2022
The bill provides that modular construction shall comply with any existing municipal licensing requirements for all electrical, plumbing, and fire suppression work.					
NJ	A 404	"Requires nonpublic school buildings to be equipped with emergency light and panic alarm linked to local law enforcement."	Ralph Caputo, Tom Giblin	Introduced, Referred to Assembly Education Committee	Jan 11, 2022
Requires nonpublic school buildings to be equipped with emergency light and panic alarm linked to local law enforcement.					

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NJ	A 1949	"Authorizes DCA, DEP, DOT, and municipalities, to provide priority consideration to permit apps for green building projects."	Raj Mukherji	Referred to Environment and Solid Waste Committee	Jan 11, 2022
<p>This bill, would authorize municipalities, the Department of Community Affairs (DCA), the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP), and the Department of Transportation (DOT), to give priority consideration to permit applications for green building projects. The bill authorizes the governing body of a municipality to enact an ordinance requiring a municipal agency to provide priority consideration to permit applications for green building projects. In addition, the bill authorizes the DCA, DEP, and DOT to adopt rules and regulations to give priority consideration to permit applications for green building projects.</p>					
NJ	S 180	"Establishes fire safety standards and protocols for certain light frame residential construction; requires placards identifying primary structural systems of buildings."	Brian Stack	Referred to Community and Urban Affairs Committee	Jan 11, 2022
<p>This bill would establish a number of fire safety standards for light frame construction of new multiple dwellings, hotels, and rooming and boarding houses with more than two dwelling or sleeping units, and a fire warden requirement for all light frame construction. Under the bill, covered residential buildings may only be newly constructed utilizing light frame construction if: (1) an automatic sprinkler system is installed throughout the building in accordance with National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) 13; (2) the number of stories permitted is measured from grade plane excluding any pedestals or podiums; (3) the fire partitions and horizontal separations have a fire-resistance rating of at least two hours; (4) the fire partitions extend from the foundation to the attic; (5) the fire walls are resistant to moisture and capable of passing the hose stream test in accordance with the construction code; and (6) if any light framing is unprotected, the building is limited to three stories and does not exceed 60 feet above grade plane or, if all light framing is protected, the building is limited to four stories and does not exceed 85 feet above grade plane.</p>					
NJ	S 229	"Requires bidders on public works construction projects to submit information on fire safety features."	Joe Pennacchio	Referred to State Gov, Wagering, Tourism & Historic Preservation Committee	Jan 11, 2022
<p>This bill requires a bidder on any contract for the construction, reconstruction, rehabilitation, renovation, preservation, or improvement of any public building or of any public work to be paid for in whole or in part with or out of public funds, to include in the bid documents detailed information on all fire safety features that will be included in that project. If a bidder does not propose the use of a sprinkler system to suppress fires and proposes, instead, the use of an alternative technology, that bidder must provide a written explanation in the bid documents of why the alternative technology should be used instead of a sprinkler system, including a cost-benefit analysis of both a sprinkler system and the alternative technology.</p>					

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NJ	S 277	"Establishes green infrastructure financing program."	Linda Greenstein, Troy Singleton	Introduced in the Senate, Referred to Senate Environment and Energy Committee	Jan 11, 2022
<p>The bill: 1) establishes a green infrastructure loan program (loan program) for the purpose of acquiring and providing alternative low-cost financing for green infrastructure equipment and installations accessible and affordable for utility customers, through a financing program administered by the authority, and may include loans made to private entities who may lease or provide green infrastructure equipment to utility customers, as well as direct loans to utility customers, on terms approved by the authority; 2) authorizes the creation of green infrastructure property consisting of all property, rights, and interests of the loan program, which shall vest in the authority for the purpose of securing bond amounts payable under the loan program, and other financing costs; 3) establishes a green infrastructure fee, a non-bypassable bill fee imposed on and collected from those utility customers receiving a loan made to finance the purchase or installation of green infrastructure equipment on the property enhanced by the equipment under the loan program and, if there is an outstanding obligation on the loan, that obligation is to be transferred to the new property owner; 4) authorizes the authority to issue revenue bonds to finance the loan program; 5) establishes a green infrastructure fund to be administered by the authority and to receive the proceeds of the green infrastructure fee, green infrastructure property, the loan program and other monies expended on the operations of the loan program, including through credits to utility customers subject to the green infrastructure fee for reimbursement of excess green infrastructure fees collected; and 6) authorizes the authority to issue up to \$200,000,000 in revenue bonds to establish and administer the loan program.</p>					
VA	SB 452	"Powers of local governments; additional powers; energy efficiency of buildings."	Jennifer Boysko	Senate: Referred to Committee on Local Government	Jan 11, 2022
<p>Powers of local governments; additional powers; energy efficiency of buildings. Requires the Board of Housing and Community Development to adopt optional building energy efficiency standards and allows localities to adopt and enforce these standards.</p>					
VA	HB 701	"Uniform Statewide Building Code; local building codes and regulations; energy efficiency."	Kaye Kory	House: Committee Referral Pending	Jan 11, 2022
<p>Provides that the Uniform Statewide Building Code (the Building Code) shall not supersede the building code provisions and regulations adopted by a locality that are related to energy efficiency and conservation if the standards outlined in such provisions and regulations are as or more stringent than those contained in the Building Code. The bill defines a standard to be as stringent as one contained in the Building Code if such standard would perform the same function as the standard contained in the Building Code without using more energy than would be used under the provisions of the Building Code.</p>					

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VA	SB 290	"State agencies and localities; solar-ready roof requirements, etc."	Barbara Favola	Referred to Com. on General Laws and Technology	Jan 11, 2022
<p>Requires any executive branch agency or institution and any locality 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 such building includes a solar-ready roof, defined in the bill as having the structural capability to accept the increased load from solar panels, proper sizing of the electrical panel, installation of conduit and wire from the roof to the electrical panel, use of solar-appropriate roof membranes and other roofing materials, and clustering of vents and non-solar equipment to maximize available space for solar panels.</p>					
VA	SB 272	"Lower carbon concrete; report."	Ghazala Hashmi	Referred to Com. on Agriculture, Conservation and Natural Resources	Jan 11, 2022
<p>Provides a performance bonus for contractors to utilize approved lower carbon concrete products in projects with the Department of General Services (DGS) and the Department of Transportation (VDOT). The bill directs the Department of Environmental Quality to develop, in conjunction with DGS and VDOT, the baseline for determining if a concrete product is lower carbon concrete. The bill requires VDOT and DGS to report annually to the Governor and the General Assembly concerning the use of the performance bonus. The bill also creates a nonrefundable tax credit for taxable years beginning on and after January 1, 2022, but before January 1, 2026, for certain technology implementation costs incurred by concrete producers in the production of lower carbon concrete equal to the amount actually paid by the producer for the technology implementation, up to a maximum of \$5,000.</p>					
VA	HB 471	"State agencies and localities; solar-ready roof requirements, etc."	Suhas Subramanyam	Committee Referral Pending	Jan 11, 2022
<p>Requires any executive branch agency or institution and any locality 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 such building includes a solar-ready roof, defined in the bill as having the structural capability to accept the increased load from solar panels, proper sizing of the electrical panel, installation of conduit and wire from the roof to the electrical panel, use of solar-appropriate roof membranes and other roofing materials, and clustering of vents and non-solar equipment to maximize available space for solar panels.</p> <p>The bill also requires new public school buildings and facilities, and improvements and renovations to existing public school buildings and facilities where the cost of the renovation exceeds 50 percent of the value of the building to be designed, constructed, maintained, and operated to generate more electricity than consumed.</p>					

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FL	HB 767	"Energy Security and Disaster Resilience Pilot Program"	Joy Goff-Marcil	1st Reading	Jan 11, 2022
This bill would establish a security and disaster resilience pilot program. The purpose of the pilot program is to encourage the implementation of and demonstrate the effectiveness of distributed energy generation and energy storage technologies to provide for the energy needs of critical disaster resilience facilities during a natural disaster or a declared state of emergency.					
FL	HB 491	"Energy"	Kelly Skidmore	1st Reading	Jan 11, 2022
No bill text yet. The bill will provide for energy efficiency of state buildings and a statewide policy for renewable energy resource & efficiency.					
FL	SB 626	"Standards for Buildings and Firesafety"	Tom Wright	Introduced -SJ 39	Jan 11, 2022
Providing for a contingent effective date of updates to the Florida Building Code and for a contingent effective date of updates to the Florida Fire Prevention Code.					
CA	AB 1227	"Building energy efficiency standards: solar reflectance of roofs."	Marc Levine	Re-referred to Com. on APPR.	Jan 11, 2022
This bill would require the commission, during one or more of the next 4 triennial code adoption cycles after January 1, 2023, to consider amendments to the roof replacement building standards for alterations to existing low-rise, steep-sloped roof residential buildings with the goal of increasing the value of minimum aged solar reflectance up to 0.40 in the 2033 standard and the goal of expanding the range of climate zones in which minimum aged solar reflectance values are prescribed for those alterations, as provided.					
NY	A 8597	"Enacts the carbon dioxide removal leadership act; repealer"	Pat Fahy	Referred to Envr. Conservation	Jan 10, 2022
Establishes the "Carbon Dioxide Removal Leadership Act." Directs New York State to procure carbon dioxide removal services pursuant to paragraph b of subdivision four of section 75-0109 of the environmental conservation law. Carbon Dioxide Removing method may include direct air carbon capture with durable geologic sequestration, or utilization in the built environment including concrete, long-lived plastics, carbon fiber, or other durable goods.					
VA	SB 160	"Electric utilities; clarifies definition of energy efficiency programs."	Ghazala Hashmi	Referred to Committee on Commerce and Labor	Jan 10, 2022
Provides that energy efficiency programs may include electrification, including measures that electrify space heating, water heating, cooling, drying, cooking, industrial processes, and other building and industrial end uses that would otherwise be served by on-site combustion of fossil fuels provided that the electrification measures reduce total on-site energy consumption.					

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WA	SB 5732	"Concerning green roofs on large commercial and multifamily buildings."	Mona Das	First reading, referred to Environment, Energy & Technology.	Jan 10, 2022
<p>This bill directs the state building code council to adopt rules for the green roof and solar requirements by December 31, 2024. Rules adopted by the state building code council must consider applicable national and international standards.</p> <p>All covered buildings must include a combination of solar energy panels and green roof covering 70 percent of the gross roof area in accordance with specified rules.</p>					
WA	HB 1766	"Modifying the regulation of gas companies to achieve reductions in greenhouse gas emissions."	Alex Ramel	First reading, referred to Environment & Energy.	Jan 10, 2022
<p>This bill adds that each gas company must develop and implement a clean heat transition plan for the purposes of: Meeting the state's greenhouse gas emissions limits with respect to fossil natural gas combustion; limiting the expansion of the natural gas system for residential and commercial space and water heating; advancing the use of high-efficiency electric equipment and production and distribution of clean fuels; and ensuring the safe and equitable transition of the natural gas system.</p>					
WA	HB 1774	"Reducing greenhouse gas emissions in buildings."	David Hackney	First reading, referred to Environment & Energy.	Jan 10, 2022
<p>This bill provides that by December 1, 2023, the department must adopt by rule a state energy management and benchmarking requirement for tier 2 covered buildings. In developing energy performance standards under this chapter, the department may establish targets for greenhouse gas-adjusted energy use intensity to maximize reductions of greenhouse gas emissions from the building sector.</p>					
WA	SB 5668	"Modifying the regulation of gas companies to achieve reductions in greenhouse gas emissions."	Liz Lovelett	First reading, referred to Environment, Energy & Technology.	Jan 10, 2022
<p>This bill adds that each gas company must develop and implement a clean heat transition plan for the purposes of: Meeting the state's greenhouse gas emissions limits with respect to fossil natural gas combustion; limiting the expansion of the natural gas system for residential and commercial space and water heating; advancing the use of high-efficiency electric equipment and production and distribution of clean fuels; and ensuring the safe and equitable transition of the natural gas system.</p>					
WA	SB 5669	"Strengthening energy codes."	Marko Liias	referred to Environment, Energy & Technology.	Jan 10, 2022
<p>This bill adds that the state must require construction of increasingly low-emission energy efficient homes and buildings and achieve construction of zero fossil-fuel greenhouse gas emission homes and buildings by 2030. Top categories of clean energy jobs in the buildings sector include: High-efficiency heating, ventilation, and air conditioning; energy efficiency technologies; and renewable heating and cooling. As the fastest growing clean energy industries in our state, work in these areas also supports job creation in other construction trades, which is a critical component of a clean energy economic recovery strategy.</p>					

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WA	SB 5093	"Reducing statewide greenhouse gas emissions by achieving greater decarbonization of residential and commercial buildings."	Marko Lias	By resolution, reintroduced and retained in present status.	Jan 10, 2022
<p>This bill amends section Sec. 4. RCW 19.27A.020 and 2018 c 207 s 7, providing that the building code council shall adopt rules for the Washington state energy code. The Washington state energy code shall be designed to construct increasingly low-emission energy efficient homes and buildings and achieve construction of zero fossil-fuel greenhouse gas emission homes and buildings by the year 2030. Additionally, the energy code must require new buildings to provide space heating and water heating equipment that minimizes direct and indirect greenhouse gas emissions.</p> <p>The state energy code for residential structures does not preempt a city, town, or county's energy code for residential structures that provides greater reductions in energy use and greenhouse gas emissions than the requirements of the state energy code adopted by the council.</p> <p>Additionally, the bill adds that by November 1, 2021, the department must adopt by rule a state energy management and benchmarking requirement for tier 2 covered commercial buildings and tier 3 covered commercial buildings.</p>					
WA	HB 1084	"Reducing statewide greenhouse gas emissions by achieving greater decarbonization of residential and commercial buildings."	Alex Ramel	By resolution, reintroduced and retained in present status.	Jan 10, 2022
<p>This bill amends section Sec. 4. RCW 19.27A.020 and 2018 c 207 s 7, providing that the building code council shall adopt rules for the Washington state energy code. The Washington state energy code shall be designed to construct increasingly low-emission energy efficient homes and buildings and achieve construction of zero fossil-fuel greenhouse gas emission homes and buildings by the year 2030. Additionally, the energy code must require new buildings to provide space heating and water heating equipment that minimizes direct and indirect greenhouse gas emissions.</p> <p>The state energy code for residential structures does not preempt a city, town, or county's energy code for residential structures that provides greater reductions in energy use and greenhouse gas emissions than the requirements of the state energy code adopted by the council.</p> <p>Additionally, the bill adds that by November 1, 2021, the department must adopt by rule a state energy management and benchmarking requirement for tier 2 covered commercial buildings and tier 3 covered commercial buildings.</p>					