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Upcoming Code Body Meetings



Meetings

State	Body	Date	Formula
West Virginia	West Virginia State Fire Commission Meeting	5/10/2022	Info
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North Carolina	North Carolina Residential Ad-Hoc Committee Meeting	5/10/2022	Info
Massachusetts	Massachusetts Board of Building Regulation and Standards Meeting	5/10/2022	Info
New Hampshire	New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission Hearing	5/10/2022	Info
New Jersey	New Jersey Energy Efficiency & Sustainable Energy Board Meeting	5/11/2022	Info
Washington	Washington State Building Code Council TAG (Building Code) Meeting	5/11/2022	Info
Washington	Washington State Building Code Council TAG (Plumbing Code) Meeting	5/11/2022	Info
New Jersey	New Jersey State Board of Examiners of Master Plumbers Meeting	5/12/2022	Info
North Carolina	North Carolina Plumbing Ad-Hoc Committee Meeting	5/12/2022	Info
Ohio	Ohio BBS Code Committee Meeting	5/12/2022	Info
North Carolina	North Carolina Mechanical Ad-Hoc Committee Meeting	5/17/2022	Info
North Carolina	North Carolina Fuel Gas Ad-Hoc Committee Meeting	5/17/2022	Info
Indiana	Indiana Plumbing Commission Meeting	5/18/2022	Info
US	AIA National Conference 2022	5/19/2022	Info
Idaho	Idaho Building Code Board Meeting	5/19/2022	Info
US	2022 ASHRAE Annual Conference	5/19/2022	Info
California	California Building Standards Commission Meeting	5/20/2022	Info
New Jersey	New Jersey Energy Efficiency & Sustainable Energy Board Meeting	5/23/2022	Info
Iowa	Iowa Plumbing and Mechanical Systems Board Meeting	5/24/2022	Info
New Jersey	New Jersey State Board of Examiners of Master Plumbers Meeting	5/24/2022	Info
Vermont	Vermont Plumbers Examining Board Meeting	5/25/2022	Info

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Building

State	Date	Title
Washington	5/9/2022	SBCC to consider 2021 IRC Code Change Proposals
The Building Code Council's Int'l Residential Code Technical Advisory Group (TAG) will meet to consider eleven (11) 2021 IRC Code Change Proposals.		
Washington	5/11/2022	SBCC to consider 2021 IBC Code Change Proposals
The Building Code Council's Int'l Building Code and Int'l Existing Building Code Technical Advisory Group (TAG) will meet to consider eleven (11) 2021 IBC Code Change Proposals.		

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Bills with Recent Activity



Legislation

Bill #	State	Bill Title	Primary Sponsor	Last Action	Date
SB 1297	CA	"Low-embodied carbon building materials: carbon sequestration."	Dave Cortese	Introduced	May 06, 2022
<p>This bill would require the agency, in consultation with specified state agencies, to develop a plan to advance low-carbon materials and methods in building and construction projects that details a strategy and recommendations to minimize embodied carbon and maximize carbon sequestration in building materials, as provided. The bill would require the agency to incorporate, as appropriate, projects using low-embodied carbon building materials or carbon sequestration in building materials into the California Carbon Sequestration and Climate Resiliency Project Registry. The bill would require the state board to develop an accounting protocol to quantify embodied carbon and carbon sequestration in building materials. The bill would require the Office of Planning and Research to evaluate the circumstances in which the use of low-embodied carbon building materials or carbon sequestration in building materials qualifies as an acceptable mitigation measure pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act. This bill would require a public agency, when feasible and cost effective, to prefer the use of building materials with low-embodied carbon, as specified. To the extent this bill imposes additional duties on local agencies, this bill would create a state-mandated local program.</p>					
SB 1301	CA	"Corporation Tax Law: Personal Income Tax Law: credits: green energy: manufacturing."	Josh Becker	Introduced	May 05, 2022
<p>This bill would provide that it is the intent of the Legislature to later enact legislation to create building performance standards for improvements in water and energy efficiency and reductions in the emissions of greenhouse gases in large buildings and to create a set of related financial support programs and tenant protection measures.</p>					
H 523	VT	" An act relating to reducing hydrofluorocarbon emissions"	Curt McCormack	Passed Second Chamber	May 05, 2022
<p>This bill proposes to adopt new policies regulating the use and disposal of hydrofluorocarbons (HFCs) in order to reduce the emission of HFCs more rapidly.</p>					
A 8431	NY	"Enacts the "all-electric building act""	Emily Gallagher	Introduced	May 05, 2022
<p>Enacts the "all-electric building act"; provides that no city, town or village shall issue a permit for the construction of new buildings that are not an all-electric building if the initial application for a permit was submitted after December 31, 2023 unless certain circumstances apply.</p>					
SB 448	NH	"Relative to energy reduction by state agencies."	David Watters	Failed	May 05, 2022
<p>This bill requires a reduction in fossil fuel emissions by state owned facilities, establishes the state government energy committee within the department of energy to advise the state energy manager on how to improve the energy efficiency of state property, and encourages the use of electric vehicles by state agencies.</p>					

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AB 1369	CA	Buy Clean California Act: eligible materials	Steve Bennett	Passed First Chamber	May 04, 2022
<p>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>					
B 24-0785	DC	"Greener Government Buildings Amendment Act of 2022"	Robert White	Introduced	May 03, 2022
<p>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's facility needs, and to report every two years on certified business enterprise and resident employee participation in net zero energy and energy retrofitting projects.</p>					
H 4720	MA	"An Act investing in future opportunities for resiliency, workforce, and revitalized downtowns"	Charles D. Baker	Introduced	May 03, 2022
<p>The bill would appropriate \$243 million in reauthorizations of existing programs, to allow continued support for key priorities including affordable rental housing production and rehabilitation, public housing, climate resiliency, and transit-oriented development, as well as \$26 million in authorization to expand a public housing demonstration program, and smart growth housing.</p>					
SB 1164	CA	"Energy: building energy efficiency: document repository and registry."	Henry Stern	Introduced	May 02, 2022
<p>The bill would require the State Air Resources Board, on or before July 1, 2023, to submit to the Legislature a report proposing a statewide heating, ventilation, and air conditioning equipment sales registry and compliance tracking system to identify the installation of heating, ventilation, and air conditioning equipment done without permit or testing of proper performance, as provided.</p>					
H 3288	MA	"An Act transitioning Massachusetts to clean electricity, heating and transportation"	Marjorie Decker, Sean Garballey	Introduced	May 02, 2022
<p>This bill sets a goal that by 2045, 100 percent of the energy used in the building sector and transportation sector within the borders of the commonwealth shall be clean energy. It provides that beginning January 1, 2025, all new buildings built in the commonwealth shall only use clean energy technologies, as defined in chapter 25D, for space heating and cooling and water heating and cooling, and shall be highly energy efficient, including a building envelope that meets passive house standards and efficient appliances, lighting fixtures, and plumbing fixtures. The department of energy resources shall develop and adopt amendments to the state building code, in consultation with the board of building regulations and standards to enforce new requirements.</p>					

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S 2224	MA	"An Act to reduce greenhouse gas emissions"	Marc Pacheco	Introduced	May 02, 2022
Directs the secretary to promulgate regulations establishing market-based compliance mechanisms for the residential building sector to reduce emissions.					
H 4081	MA	"An Act concerning the expansion of renewable heating fuels and renewable thermal heating"	Tom Golden	Introduced	May 02, 2022
This bill establishes a fund known as the Renewable Heating Fuels Development Fund to be administered by the commissioner of energy resources. The purpose of the fund shall be to increase the supply of heating renewable energy credits available for compliance use by obligated entities, as defined in section 1 of chapter 164C. There shall be credited to the fund all alternative compliance payments made by obligated entities as provided in section 2 of said chapter 164C. Amounts credited to the fund shall be expended without further appropriation.					

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State Rules & Notices



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State	Pub. Date	Type	Title
WA	5/4/2022	Final	General; Hydronic Piping; Mechanical Ventilation; Referenced Standards; Refrigeration, General; Smoke Detection Systems Control
<p>This rule proposes to add 606.2.4 Corridors serving Group R occupancies in other than high-rise buildings. It adds that corridors that serve Group R occupancies in other than high-rise buildings and that are mechanically ventilated with supply air shall be equipped with smoke detectors spaced in accordance with NFPA 72. The supply fan shall automatically shut off upon activation of the corridor smoke detectors.</p> <p>It also adds that Corridors that serve Group R occupancies in high-rise buildings and that are mechanically ventilated with supply air shall be equipped with smoke detectors that are spaced in accordance with NFPA 72 and air supply inlets to the corridor shall be provided with smoke/fire dampers. The supply inlet smoke/fire dampers shall automatically close upon activation of the corridor smoke detectors.</p>			