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Upcoming Code Body Meetings



Meetings

State	Body	Date	Formula
North Carolina	North Carolina Mechanical Ad-Hoc Committee Meeting	8/16/2022	Info
Idaho	Idaho Building Code Board Meeting	8/16/2022	Info
North Carolina	North Carolina Mechanical Code Ad-Hoc Committee Meeting	8/16/2022	Info
Idaho	Idaho Building Code Board Meeting	8/16/2022	Info
South Carolina	South Carolina Building Codes Council Meeting	8/16/2022	Info
DC	DC Property Maintenance TAG Meeting	8/16/2022	Info
DC	DC Building TAG Meeting	8/16/2022	Info
North Carolina	North Carolina Fuel-Gas Ad-Hoc Committee Meeting	8/16/2022	Info
Idaho	Idaho Electrical Board Meeting	8/17/2022	Info
Oregon	Oregon State Plumbing Board	8/18/2022	Info
DC	DC Construction Codes Coordinating Board Meeting	8/18/2022	Info
Massachusetts	Massachusetts Building Code Coordinating Council Meeting	8/18/2022	Info
California	California Energy Commission Meeting	8/19/2022	Info
Virginia	Virginia State Building Code Technical Review Board Meeting	8/19/2022	Info
DC	DC Existing Building TAG Meeting	8/19/2022	Info
North Dakota	North Dakota Water Drainage Committee	08/23/2022	Info
North Carolina	North Carolina Mechanical Code Ad-Hoc Committee Meeting	8/23/2022	Info
North Carolina	North Carolina Fuel-Gas Ad-Hoc Committee Meeting	8/23/2022	Info
North Carolina	North Carolina Fuel Gas Code Ad-Hoc Committee Meeting	8/23/2022	Info

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Building

State	Date	Title
Texas	8/5/2022	SECO declines to adopt 2021 IRC and IECC.
This notice informs the industry and state that SECO declines to adopt the 2021 International Residential Code and the 2021 International Energy Conservation Code at this time, but may revisit the adoption process at a later date. SECO encourages ongoing code training to support local jurisdiction energy conservation efforts in the areas of residential, commercial, and industrial construction.		
Idaho	8/16/2022	Idaho Building Code Board Meeting Amendments
The Idaho BCB will consider and vote on the adoption of Rule Chapter IDAPA 24.39.30 as proposed.		

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Fire

State	Date	Title
Massachusetts	8/18/2022	BCCC to review Massachusetts Comprehensive Fire Safety Code
The Building Code Coordinating Council will review, and potentially vote on, 527 CMR 1.00, which relates to the Massachusetts Comprehensive Fire Safety Code.		

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Electrical/Plumbing

State	Date	Title
Idaho	8/17/2022	Idaho Electrical Code Amendments
The Electrical Board will discuss and consider the adoption of Rule Chapter IDAPA 24.39.10 as proposed.		

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State	Date	Title
Massachusetts	8/18/2022	BCCC to review proposed amendments to State Sanitary Code
The Building Code Coordinating Council will review, and potentially vote on, proposed amendments to 105 CMR 410, which deal with minimum standards of fitness for human habitation (State Sanitary Code, Chapter II).		

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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.	David D. Cortese	August 11 hearing: Held in committee and under submission.	Aug 11, 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>					
AB 2446	CA	Embodied carbon emissions: construction materials.	Christopher R. Holden	Read second time and amended. Ordered returned to second reading.	Aug 11, 2022
<p>This bill would require the commission to develop a framework for measuring and then reducing carbon intensity in the construction of new buildings, including those for residential uses. The bill would require the commission to design the framework to achieve an 80% net reduction in the carbon intensity of construction and materials used in new construction by 2045, with interim goals of 20% below 2020 levels by 2030 and 40% below 2020 levels by 2035. The bill would require the commission to take certain actions to facilitate the achievement of these goals</p>					
SB 1164	CA	Energy: building energy efficiency: heating, ventilation, and air conditioning equipment: sale registry and compliance tracking system: compliance document data registry.	Henry I. Stern	August 11 hearing: Held in committee and under submission.	Aug 11, 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>					

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SB 1203	CA	Net-zero emissions of greenhouse gases: state agency operations.	Josh Becker	From committee: Do pass as amended. (Ayes 12. Noes 3.) (August 11).	Aug 11, 2022
<p>This bill would declare the policy of the state that state agencies achieve zero net emissions of greenhouse gases resulting from their operations no later than January 1, 2035. The bill would require each state agency to develop and publish a plan on or before January 1, 2025, that describes its current greenhouse gas emissions inventory and its planned actions for achieving net zero emissions of greenhouse gases and would require the state agency to update the plan beginning June 30, 2027, and every 2 years thereafter until June 30, 2035.</p>					
AB 1369	CA	Buy Clean California Act: eligible materials: product-specific global warming potential emissions.	Steve Bennett	Read second time. Ordered to third reading.	Aug 11, 2022
<p>Amends the Buy Clean California Act: eligible materials: product-specific global warming potential emissions.</p> <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> <p>The bill would also require the department, by January 1, 2026, and every 3 years thereafter, to review the maximum acceptable global warming potential for each category of eligible materials, expressed as specified, and would authorize the department to adjust that number downward for any eligible material to reflect industry improvements under specified circumstances.</p>					
B 24-0420	DC	Clean Energy DC Building Code Amendment Act of 2021	Mary M. Cheh	Transmitted to Congress, Projected Law Date is Nov 10, 2022	Aug 9, 2022
<p>Amends the Green Building Act of 2006 to require buildings to comply with Appendix Z of the Energy Conservation Code until the Mayor has adopted equivalent final regulations and to require the Mayor to report annually on compliance with District energy conservation requirements.</p>					

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S 2224. SD 2044	MA	An Act to reduce greenhouse gas emissions	Marc R. Pacheco	Ought NOT to pass (under Joint Rule 10) and placed in the Orders of the Day for the next session	Aug 8, 2022
Directs the secretary to promulgate regulations establishing market-based compliance mechanisms for the residential building sector to reduce emissions.					