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Code Alerts

Upcoming Code Body Meetings



Meetings

| State | Body | Date | Formula |
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| New Mexico | New Mexico Construction Industries Commission Meeting | 1/17/2023 | Info |
| Hawaii | Hawaii Building Code Council Meeting | 1/17/2023 | Info |
| Minnesota | Minnesota Plumbing Board Meeting | 1/17/2023 | Info |
| Delaware | Delaware Fire Prevention Commission Meeting | 1/17/2023 | Info |
| New Mexico | New Mexico Construction Industries Commission Meeting | 1/18/2023 | Info |
| Texas | Texas State Board of Plumbing Examiners Meeting | 1/18/2023 | Info |
| New York | New York Regional Board of Review Meetings | 1/18/2023 | Info |
| New Hampshire | New Hampshire Board of Fire Control Meeting | 1/18/2023 | Info |
| Texas | Texas State Board of Plumbing Examiners Board Meeting Agenda | 1/18/2023 | Info |
| New Mexico | New Mexico Public Regulation Commission Hearing | 1/19/2023 | Info |
| California | California Building Standards Commission Meeting | 1/19/2023 | Info |
| California | California Building Standards Commission Meeting | 1/19/2023 | Info |
| Rhode Island | Rhode Island Energy Efficiency & Resource Management Council Meeting | 1/19/2023 | Info |
| Washington | Washington State Building Code Council Meeting | 1/20/2023 | Info |
| Maine | Maine Electricians' Examining Board Meeting | 1/20/2023 | Info |
| New Hampshire | New Hampshire Energy Efficiency and Sustainable Energy Board | 1/20/2023 | Info |
| Hawaii | Hawaii State Fire Council Meeting | 1/20/2023 | Info |
| Massachusetts | Massachusetts Fire Service Commission | 1/23/2023 | Info |
| Iowa | Iowa Plumbing & Mechanical Systems Board Meeting | 1/24/2023 | Info |

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| North Dakota | North Dakota State Electrical Board Meeting | 1/25/2023 | Info |
| California | California Energy Commission Business Meeting | 1/25/2023 | Info |
| North Dakota | North Dakota State Electrical Board Meeting | 1/25/2023 | Info |
| Idaho | Idaho State Plumbing Board Meeting | 1/26/2023 | Info |
| Connecticut | Connecticut Plumbing and Piping Board Meeting | 1/26/2023 | Info |

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Building

| State | Date | Title |
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| Washington | 1/20/2023 | BCC to discuss changes to IBC, IFC, and IRC |
| The Washington State Building Code Council will discuss: (1) modifying the definitions of "child care", and "family home" in IBC and IRC; and (2) adopting R-4 Occupancy Group in 2021 IBC and 2021 IFC. | | |

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Energy

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| Hawaii | 1/20/2023 | Hawaii Adoption of NFPA and HVAC amendments |
| The Hawaii state Fire Council discussed and voted to adopt amendments to the NFPA 1 Fire Code 2021. | | |

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Electrical/Plumbing

| State | Date | Title |
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| Texas | 1/18/2023 | Texas Administrative Code Amendments |
| The Texas State Board of Plumbing Examiners Board will discuss proposed amendments to 22 TAC related to the four-year rule review conducted according to the Texas Government Code § 2001.039. | | |

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| State | Date | Title |
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| New York | 1/9/2023 | NYS provides notice of rule in development for Uniform Code, Part 1205 |
| <p>The New York State Department of State is proposing amendments to amend and update Part 1205 of the Uniform Fire Prevention and Building Code. Specifically, the rule in development would: add definitions and for clarification; and add a process for alternative compliance cases to allow the use of the design, construction, and maintenance provisions or requirements of a nationally recognized standard or code that is not expressly allowed by the Uniform Code.</p> | | |

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Bills with Recent Activity



Legislation

| Bill # | State | Bill Title | Primary Sponsor | Last Action | Date |
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| SB 92 | MD | Department of General Services – Energy–Conserving Standards (Maryland Sustainable Buildings Act of 2023) | Clarence K. Lam | Hearing 2/02 at 1:00 p.m. | 1/13/2023 |
| The 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 established for participation in a higher-performance building program in the State. Finally, it defines "State building" as one acquired, constructed, or renovated by the State or one for which 50% of the money for acquisition, construction, or renovation came from State funds. | | | | | |
| HB 413 | MS | Counties and municipalities; delete requirement for permitting as a condition to construction. | Nick Bain | Referred To Ways and Means | 1/12/2023 |
| This bill repeals provisions requiring that counties and municipalities require permitting as a condition to construction. | | | | | |
| B 24-0785 | DC | Greener Government Buildings Amendment Act of 2022 | Robert C. White Jr. | Returned from Mayor | 1/12/2023 |
| 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 retrofiting projects. | | | | | |

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| HB 6 | MD | Department of General Services – Energy–Conserving Standards (Maryland Sustainable Buildings Act of 2023) | Terri L. Hill | First Reading Health and Government Operations and Appropriations | 1/11/2023 |
| <p>The 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 established for participation in a higher-performance building program in the State. Finally, it defines "State building" as one acquired, constructed, or renovated by the State or one for which 50% of the money for acquisition, construction, or renovation came from State funds.</p> | | | | | |
| HB 2195 | OR | Relating to construction standards for energy efficiency; prescribing an effective date. | David Brock Smith | Referred to Climate, Energy, and Environment | 1/11/2023 |
| <p>The bill prohibits municipality that administers and enforces building inspection program from adopting construction standards or methods from Reach Code, or similar or related code of standards and methods, that exceed or are more stringent than statewide standards and methods Director of Department of Consumer and Business Services adopts and administers.</p> | | | | | |
| LB 164 | NE | LB164 - Adopt updates to building and energy codes | Terrell McKinney | Referred to Urban Affairs Committee | 1/11/2023 |
| <p>This bill adopts the following building codes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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. <p>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.</p> | | | | | |

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| HB 1193 | WA | Affirming that the legislature has not provided authority for the state building code council to use greenhouse gas emissions as a consideration in residential building codes or energy codes. | Mary Dye | Referred to Environment & Energy. | 1/10/2023 |
| <p>This bill amends Sec. 2. RCW 19.27.020 and 1985 c 360 s 6, adding that nothing in the chapter provides authority for the state building code council to consider greenhouse gas emissions as a factor in any decisions about the state building code or the state energy code in chapter 19.27A RCW including, but not limited to, any decisions related to standards, requirements, specifications, and rules. The state building code council must not restrict the use of natural gas or natural gas appliances in residential construction unless a statute granting explicit authority to the council to authorize such a restriction is enacted.</p> <p>The bill also amends Sec. 4. RCW 19.27A.160 and 2009 c 423 s 5, adding that residential and nonresidential construction permitted under the 2031 state energy code must achieve a ((seventy))70 percent reduction in annual net energy consumption, using the adopted 2006 Washington state energy code as a baseline. This requirement does not authorize the council to consider greenhouse gas emissions</p> <p>Finally, the bill provides that the state building code council may not adopt any rules to implement the 2021 Washington state codes that limit the use of natural gas in buildings or that favor the use of electric appliances over natural gas appliances in buildings.</p> | | | | | |