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# Code Alerts

## Upcoming Code Body Meetings



## Meetings

| State         | Body  | Date      | Formula              |
|---------------|---|-----------|----------------------|
| Oklahoma      | Oklahoma Uniform Building Code Commission   | 3/21/2023 | <a href="#">Info</a> |
| Massachusetts | Massachusetts Building Code Appeals Board Meeting                                     | 3/21/2023 | <a href="#">Info</a> |
| Hawaii        | Hawaii State Building Code Council Meeting  | 3/21/2023 | <a href="#">Info</a> |
| North Dakota  | North Dakota State Electrical Board Meeting   | 3/22/2023 | <a href="#">Info</a> |
| DC            | DC Commercial Energy TAG Meeting  | 3/23/2023 | <a href="#">Info</a> |
| Georgia       | Georgia National Electrical Code Task Force Meeting                                   | 3/23/2023 | <a href="#">Info</a> |
| Washington    | Washington State BCC Legislative Committee Meeting                                    | 3/23/2023 | <a href="#">Info</a> |
| Kentucky      | Kentucky Department of Housing, Buildings and Construction Advisory Committee Meeting | 3/28/2023 | <a href="#">Info</a> |
| Texas         | Texas State Board of Plumbing Examiners Meeting                                       | 3/28/2023 | <a href="#">Info</a> |
| Washington    | Washington State Residential Code TAG Meeting   | 3/29/2023 | <a href="#">Info</a> |
| Washington    | Washington State Building Code TAG Meeting  | 3/29/2023 | <a href="#">Info</a> |
| Washington    | Washington BCC Legislative Committee Meeting  | 3/30/2023 | <a href="#">Info</a> |
| Indiana       | Indiana Fire Prevention and Building Safety Commission Meeting                        | 4/4/2023  | <a href="#">Info</a> |
| Idaho         | Idaho Building Code Board Meeting   | 4/11/2023 | <a href="#">Info</a> |
| Minnesota     | Minnesota Board of Electricity Meeting  | 4/11/2023 | <a href="#">Info</a> |
| Idaho         | Idaho Building Code Board Meeting   | 4/11/2023 | <a href="#">Info</a> |
| Florida       | Florida Building Commission Meeting   | 4/11/2023 | <a href="#">Info</a> |
| New Hampshire | New Hampshire Mechanical Safety and Licensing Board Meeting                           | 4/12/2023 | <a href="#">Info</a> |
| California    | California Energy Commission Business Meeting   | 4/12/2023 | <a href="#">Info</a> |
| West Virginia | West Virginia State Fire Commission Meeting   | 4/13/2023 | <a href="#">Info</a> |

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## Recent Activity Alerts



### Building

| State    | Date      | Title  |
|----------|-----------|--|
| New York | 3/29/2023 | <a href="#">NYS provides notice of rulemaking for Uniform Code, Part 1205</a><br>The New York State Department of State is proposing amendments to amend and update Part 1205 of the Uniform Code: Variance and Appeals Procedures (19 NYCRR Part 1205). 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. The rule will be published in the New York State Register on March 29, with the public comment period ending on June 5, as well as with a public Hearing to be held on May 31. |

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### Energy

| State   | Date      | Title  |
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| Hawaii  | 3/21/2023 | <a href="#">HI SBCC to present on proposed amendments to the 2021 IECC</a> |
| The Hawaii State Building Code Council will hold a presentation on proposed amendments to the 2021 International Energy Conservation Code (IECC). |           |  |

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## Bills with Recent Activity



## Legislation

| Bill #   | State | Bill Title  | Primary Sponsor     | Last Action   | Date      |
|--|-------|---|---------------------|---|-----------|
| <a href="#">HB 532</a>   | UT    | Building Code Revisions   | Calvin R. Musselman | Governor Signed   | 3/14/2023 |
| This bill adopts, with certain statewide amendments, the International Code Council's 2021 edition of the International Building Code, including Appendix J, certain International Residential Code, including Appendices E and Q, International Plumbing Code, Mechanical Code, International Fuel Gas Code, commercial provisions of the International Energy Conservation Code, International Existing Building Code, and International Swimming Pool and Spa Code.   |       |   |                     |   |           |
| <a href="#">HB 5764</a>  | RI    | An Act Relating To State Affairs And Government -- Rhode Island Inclusive Home Design Act (Establishes The Rhode Island Inclusive Home Design Act As A New Article In The State Building Code.) | Jennifer A. Stewart | Committee recommended measure be held for further study | 3/17/2023 |
| This bill creates the Rhode Island Inclusive Home Design Act. It provides that it is unlawful a person or entity, with respect to a covered dwelling unit for new construction or substantial rehabilitation by the person or entity, to fail to ensure that the dwelling unit contains no fewer than one level that complies with the Standards for Type C (Visitable) Units of the American National Standards Institute (commonly known as "ANSI") Standards for Accessible and Usable Buildings and Facilities (section 1005 of ICC ANSI A117.1-2009). |       |   |                     |   |           |
| <a href="#">HB 409</a>   | UT    | State Construction and Fire Codes Amendments  | Thomas W. Peterson  | House/ to Governor                                      | 3/13/2023 |
| The bill repeals the Tall Wood Buildings of Mass Timber Construction Incorporated as Part of the State Construction Code, adopts the 2021 edition of the International Fire Code, with amendments; and adopts and amends certain National Fire Protection Association codes and standards.   |       |   |                     |   |           |

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| <a href="#">HB 197</a>   | HI    | Relating To Climate Change Mitigation.   | Nicole E. Lowen | Recommended to be passed unamended          | 3/17/2023 |
| This bill directs the department of health to establish a refrigerant management program to reduce emissions of high global warming potential refrigerants and any refrigerant that is an ozone-depleting substance from the operation of stationary, commercial, and industrial refrigeration equipment responsible and adopt rules for the regulation of the use of such refrigerants. It also requires the state building code council to establish codes and standards consistent with the goal of reducing greenhouse gas emissions associated with hydrofluorocarbons when updating the state building code. |       |  |                 |   |           |
| <a href="#">HB 799</a><br><a href="#">SB 1377</a>  | TN    | Requires that the 2018 International Energy Conservation Code published by the ICC be used for the minimum energy conservation standards for new residential construction. | Jason Zachary   | H. Placed on Regular Calendar for 3/23/2023 | 3/16/2023 |
| This bill amends the code, adding that a local jurisdiction may adopt the 2000 International Energy Conservation Code with 2002 amendments, published by the ICC, as the minimum requirements for the effective use of energy in new buildings in that jurisdiction. It also adds that for a new residential building construction on or after July 1, 2023, the energy conservation standards in the 2018 International Energy Conservation Code published by the International Code Council are the state energy conservation standards.   |       |  |                 |   |           |
| <a href="#">SB 48</a>  | CA    | Water and Energy Savings Act.  | Josh Becker     | March 21 hearing postponed by committee.    | 3/16/2023 |
| This bill provides that it is the intent of the Legislature to enact subsequent legislation to create building performance standards for improvements in energy efficiency and reductions in the emissions of greenhouse gases in large buildings, including measures to ensure that making the necessary investments to improve these buildings will improve equity and avoid displacement or increased energy burdens.   |       |  |                 |   |           |

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| <a href="#">SB 1377</a><br><a href="#">HB 799</a>   | TN    | Requires that the 2018 International Energy Conservation Code published by the International Code Council be used for the minimum energy conservation standards for new residential construction. | Steve Southerland | Placed on Senate Commerce and Labor Committee calendar for 3/20/2023 | 3/14/2023 |
| This bill declares that the energy conservation standards for a new residential building construction on or after July 1, 2023, will be the 2018 International Energy Conservation Code. The bill provides that for new non-residential construction, a local government shall adopt the state code for energy conservation in new building construction with any amendments it deems reasonably necessary to accommodate local conditions. |       |   |                   |  |           |
| <a href="#">SB 406</a><br><a href="#">LC 562</a>  | MT    | Revise laws related to local building codes   | Steve Fitzpatrick | (H) First Reading  | 3/15/2023 |
| This bill amends municipal authorization to adopt building codes. It specifies that a city, county, or town may not adopt or enforce a building code that is more stringent than the building code adopted by the department or as required by state law.   |       |   |                   |  |           |
| <a href="#">HB 2409</a>   | TX    | Relating to the residential and commercial building codes of municipalities.  | Ron Reynolds      | Referred to Land & Resource Management                               | 3/13/2023 |
| The bill amends the local government code providing that a municipality may review and consider amendments made by the ICC to the IRC after May 1, 2021.  |       |   |                   |  |           |

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| <a href="#">HB 2408</a>  | TX    | Relating to building codes applicable in the unincorporated areas of a county; authorizing a fee. | Ron Reynolds    | Referred to Land & Resource Management | 3/13/2023 |
| <p>This bill amends the building code standards applicable to unincorporated areas of certain counties subchapter, adding that the unincorporated area of a county shall conform to the International Residential Code as it existed on January 1, 2023. Additionally, new commercial construction in the unincorporated area of a county must conform to the International Building Code as it existed on January 1, 2023. The commissioner's court of a county may adopt and apply a version of the International Residential Code or the International Building Code published after January 1, 2023, to new construction or establish standards for new construction that exceed the standards of those codes.</p> |       |   |                 |  |           |
| <a href="#">HF 772</a>   | MN    | State Building Code; energy code for new commercial building adoption process modified.           | Larry Kraft     | Author added Xiong                     | 3/13/2023 |
| <p>This bill modifies the energy code, adding that beginning in 2024, the commissioner will adopt each newly published edition of ASHRAE 90.1 or a more efficient standard, and amend it as necessary to achieve a minimum of eight percent energy efficiency with each edition, as measured against energy consumption by an average building in each applicable building sector in 2003. These amendments must achieve a net zero energy standard for new commercial buildings by 2038 and thereafter.</p>   |       |   |                 |  |           |



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## State Rules & Notices



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| State  | Pub. Date | Type   | Title                                    |
|--|-----------|--------|--|
| WI   | 3/6/2023  | Notice | <a href="#">Commercial Building Code</a> |
| This rule adopts the 2021 IBC, IECC, IMC, IFGS, and IEBC with amendments for buildings located on research or laboratory farms of public universities or other state institutions and used primarily for housing livestock or other agricultural purposes, and rural school buildings. |           |        |  |