

Upcoming Code Body Meetings

State	Body	Date	Formula
Louisiana	Louisiana State Uniform Construction Code Council Meeting	3/28/2022	Info
Kentucky	Kentucky Department of Housing, Buildings, and Construction Advisory Committee Meeting	3/28/2022	Info
Indiana	Indiana Plumbing Commission Meeting	3/29/2022	Info
Washington	Washington State Building Code Council TAG (Energy Code) Meeting	3/31/2022	Info
California	California Building Standards Commission CALGREEN Workshop	4/1/2022	Info
Michigan	Michigan Board of Boiler Rules Meeting	4/4/2022	Info
California	California Energy Commission Meeting	4/5/2022	Info
California	California Building Standards Commission Meeting	4/5/2022	Info
Washington	Washington State Building Code Council TAG (Residential Code) Meeting	4/5/2022	Info
Idaho	Idaho Building Code Board Meeting	4/5/2022	Info
Illinois	Illinois Capital Development Board Meeting	4/5/2022	Info
Idaho	Idaho Building Code Board Meeting	4/6/2022	Info
New Jersey	New Jersey Energy Efficiency & Sustainable Energy Board Meeting	4/6/2022	Info
Washington	Washington Plumber Advisory Board Meeting	4/6/2022	Info

Code Alerts

Building

State	Date	Title
New York	3/29/2023	NYS provides notice of rulemaking for Uniform Code, Part 1205
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.		
Washington	3/23/2023	BCC to request for off-cycle rulemaking related to the adoption of Group R-4
The Washington State Building Code Council has made a request for off-cycle rulemaking related to the adoption of Group R-4 occupancy classification.		

Energy

State	Date	Title
Hawaii	3/21/2023	HI SBCC to present on proposed amendments to the 2021 IECC
The Hawaii State Building Code Council will hold a presentation on proposed amendments to the 2021 International Energy Conservation Code (IECC).		
Colorado	3/28/2023	Model Electric Ready and Solar Ready Code Comments Request
The state of Colorado is seeking written and verbal comments related to the proposed Model Electric Ready and Solar Ready code during their upcoming energy code board meeting.		

Electrical

State	Date	Title
Georgia	3/23/2023	2023 NEC Task Force previews proposed amendments
The Georgia 2023 National Electrical Code Task Force will hold its inaugural meeting, in which it will discuss significant NEC amendments being proposed, such as to Articles 210.8(A) and 210.8(F).		

Bills with Recent Activity

Bill #	State	Bill Title	Primary Sponsor	Last Action	Date
SB 406, LC 562	MT	Revise laws related to local building codes	Steve Fitzpatrick	Hearing	3/25/2023
<p>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.</p>					
HB 5851	RI	An Act Relating To Health And Safety -- Solar Neighborhoods Act (Mandates That Certain New Residential Building Construction Include Solar Power Capabilities Pursuant To The Rules And Regulations Promulgated By The State Building Code Commission.)	Jennifer Boylan	Hearing Scheduled	3/24/2023
<p>This bill introduces a new Chapter titled "Solar Neighborhoods Act". The Act directs the Rhode Island State Building Code Commission to draft and adopt amendments to the state building codes related to solar energy systems in new buildings. The amendments would include static load roof strength requirements, positioning of non-solar related equipment, sizing of electrical panels to accommodate a solar energy system, roof orientation and angle, and roof types that would avoid roof penetrations. Single-family dwellings must have a solar energy system that produces at least 80% of the estimated average annual electricity use. Multi-family dwellings and large commercial buildings up to 10 stories in height must have a minimum generating capacity set by the commission. Outdoor parking lots larger than 16,000 sq ft must include raised solar-panel canopies and EV charging stations.</p>					
HB 433, LC 3555	MT	Clarify use of certain refrigerants	Tom Welch	Hearing	3/24/2023

This bill provides that the department may not prohibit or limit in the state building code the use of refrigerants listed as acceptable for use by the United States environmental protection as safe alternatives to class I and class II ozone-depleting substances.

HB 214	AK	Relating to building codes; to amend Section 27-2-39, Code of Alabama 1975, to provide for a portion of fees and taxes collected by the Department of Insurance to the Alabama Residential Building Code Fund; to designate Sections 34-14A-1 through 34-14A-20 as Article 1 of Chapter 14A of Title 34, Code of Alabama 1975; to amend Sections 34-14A-1, 34-14A-2, 34-14A-7, 34-14A-12, 34-14A-20, Code of Alabama 1975, to provide for the establishment of the Alabama Residential Building Code and its authority; to further provide for the practice of residential home building; to further provide for the duties of the Home Builders Licensure Board; to add Article 2, commencing with Section 34-14A-41, to Chapter 14A of Title 34, Code of Alabama 1975, to establish the Alabama Residential Building Code Division within the Home Builders Licensure Board and provide for its duties; to establish the Alabama Residential Building Code Fund in the State Treasury and provide for its administration; to add Artic....	Chip Brown	Insurance - Introduced and Referred	3/23/2023
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This bill would create the Alabama Residential Building Code Advisory Council to recommend an Alabama Residential Building Code, to be based upon the International Residential Code and the residential chapters of the International Energy Conservation Code, to be adopted by the Home Builders Licensure Board.

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HB 799, SB 1377	TN	Codes - As introduced, 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. - Amends TCA Title 4, Chapter 3; Title 13, Chapter 19 and Title 68, Chapter 120.	Jason Zachary	Engrossed	3/23/2023
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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.

HB 2689	TX	Relating to the adoption of a certain plumbing code by the Texas State Board of Plumbing Examiners.	Cecil Bell	Left pending in committee	3/22/2023
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This bill adopts the 2015 edition of the International Plumbing Code, as published by the International Code Council and would take effect on September 1, 2023.

HB 197	HI	Relating To Climate Change Mitigation.	Nicole E. Lowen	Report adopted; Passed Second Reading and referred to CPN/WAM.	3/22/2023
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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.

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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.

HF 2170	MN	Establishment of global warming impact standards required for construction materials used in state buildings and roads, global warming standards integrated into procurement process, pilot programs established to report greenhouse gas emissions from manufacture of products, grant program established, technical advisory committee established, and reports required.	Kaela Berg	Referred to Committee	3/20/2023
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The bill creates the Buy Clean and Buy Fair Minnesota Act. The Act directs the commissioner of the Department of Administration to establish and publish a maximum acceptable global warming potential for each eligible material used in an eligible project. Specifically for concrete and structural steel by January 15, 2025. The maximum global warming potential must be consistent with the criteria in an environmental product declaration.

The Department of Administration and the Department of Transportation will require in a specification for bids for an eligible project that the global warming potential reported by a bidder in the environmental product declaration for any eligible material must not exceed the maximum acceptable global warming potential for that eligible material or product.

Rules and Notices

State	Pub. Date	Type	Title
FL	3/22/23	Proposed	Standards Of The National Fire Protection Association And Other Standards Adopted
<p>The rule requires the State Fire Marshal to update, by rule, the Florida Fire Prevention Code every three years. The State Fire Marshal to adopt the current editions of the National Fire Protection Association's (NFPA) Standard 1, the Fire Code, and NFPA Standard 101, the Life Safety Code®, by reference. The proposed amendments will update the Florida Fire Prevention Code to include the most recently adopted NFPA standards and promulgate the triennial update of the Florida Fire Prevention Code.</p>			