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# Code Alerts

## Upcoming Code Body Meetings



## Meetings

State	Body	Date	Formula
Indiana	Indiana Fire Prevention and Building Safety Commission Meeting	4/4/2023	<a href="#">Info</a>
Massachusetts	Massachusetts Building Official Certification Committee Meeting	4/4/2023	<a href="#">Info</a>
Florida	Florida Building Commission Energy Advisory Committee Meeting	4/4/2023	<a href="#">Info</a>
Washington	Washington BCC Legislative Committee Meeting	4/6/2023	<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>
Washington	Washington BCC Legislative Committee Meeting	4/13/2023	<a href="#">Info</a>
Rhode Island	Rhode Island Building Code Standards Committee Meeting	4/13/2023	<a href="#">Info</a>
New Jersey	New Jersey Uniform Construction Code Advisory Board Meeting	4/14/2023	<a href="#">Info</a>
Oklahoma	Oklahoma Uniform Building Code Commission	4/18/2023	<a href="#">Info</a>
Washington	Washington State Advisory Board of Plumbers Meeting	4/18/2023	<a href="#">Info</a>
Iowa	Iowa Plumbing & Mechanical Systems Board Meeting	4/18/2023	<a href="#">Info</a>
Florida	Florida Building Code Administrators and Inspectors Board Meeting	4/19/2023	<a href="#">Info</a>
Rhode Island	Rhode Island Energy Efficiency & Resource Management Council Meeting	4/20/2023	<a href="#">Info</a>
California	California Building Standards Commission Meeting	4/20/2023	<a href="#">Info</a>
Washington	Washington State Building Code Council Meeting	4/21/2023	<a href="#">Info</a>
Maine	Maine Electricians' Examining Board Meeting	4/21/2023	<a href="#">Info</a>
New Hampshire	New Hampshire Energy Efficiency and Sustainable Energy Board	4/21/2023	<a href="#">Info</a>

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### Building

State	Date	Title
Rhode Island	4/13/2023	<a href="#">RI BCS Committee to discuss adoption of the 2023 RI state codes</a>
The Rhode Island Building Code Standards Committee will review, discuss, and potentially vote to authorize the Building Code Commissioner to start the promulgation process for the adoption of the 2023 Rhode Island state codes.		

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## Energy

State	Date	Title
Colorado	3/28/2023	<a href="#">Model Electric Ready and Solar Ready Code Comments Request</a>
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.		

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### Misc.

State	Date	Title
New York	3/31/2023	<a href="#">NYSFPBCC to discuss energy and uniform code updates</a>
The New York State Fire Protection and Building Code Council will discuss the energy code – specifically, Chapter 374 of the Laws of 2022 – as well as 2024 International Code Council changes to the uniform code.		

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## Bills with Recent Activity



## Legislation

Bill #	State	Bill Title	Primary Sponsor	Last Action	Date
<a href="#">SB 406</a> <a href="#">LC 562</a>	MT	Revise laws related to local building codes	Steve Fitzpatrick	Bill Concurred	3/29/2023
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 5851</a>	RI	An Act Relating To Health And Safety -- Solar Neighborhoods Act	Jennifer Boylan	Held for further study	3/30/2023
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.					
<a href="#">HB 1766</a>	AR	"HB1766 - TO ABOLISH THE STATE FIRE PREVENTION COMMISSION; TO AMEND THE DUTIES AND MEMBERSHIP OF THE ARKANSAS FIRE PROTECTION SERVICES BOARD; TO CREATE THE POSITION OF STATE FIRE MARSHAL; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY."	Lee Johnson	Amendment No. 1 read and adopted	4/3/2023
This bill abolishes the State Fire Prevention Commission and transfers its authority, duties, functions, and appropriations to the Arkansas Fire Protection Services Board. It repeals sections of the code outlining the duties and authority of the abolished commission. It also creates the State Fire Marshal position and outlines its roles and responsibilities.					
<a href="#">HB 6101</a>	RI	"An Act Relating To Health And Safety -- State Building Code (Requires Adoption Of 2021 International Energy Conservation Code ("Iecc").)"	Jay Edwards	Scheduled for hearing	3/31/2023
This act would require the state building code standards committee to adopt the 2021 International Energy Conservation Code provisions no later than September 1, 2023. This act would also require the commission to develop a plan to adopt the 2024 IECC within one year of its publication.					

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<a href="#">SB 855</a>	RI	"An Act Relating To Health And Safety -- State Building Code"	Victoria Gu	Introduced and referred to com	3/30/2023
This act would require the state building code standards committee to revise the state energy conservation code to meet 2024 International Energy Conservation Code electric readiness provisions.					
<a href="#">HB 799</a> <a href="#">SB 1377</a>	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	Jason Zachary	Received from House	3/30/2023
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="#">HB 488</a>	NC	"Code Council Reorg. and Var. Code Amend."	Mark Brodyl	Re-ref Com On Finance	3/30/2023
This bill creates the residential code council and directs this council to review and consider any proposal for revision or amendment to the North Carolina Residential Code, including applicable provisions from the North Carolina Energy Conservation Code, North Carolina Electrical Code, North Carolina Fuel Gas Code, North Carolina Plumbing Code, North Carolina Mechanical Code, North Carolina Existing Building Code, and any other code applicable to residential construction. This Council shall also consider any appeal or interpretation pertaining to the North Carolina Residential Code and make disposition of the appeal or issue an interpretation.					
<a href="#">HB 197</a>	HI	Relating To Climate Change Mitigation.	Nicole E. Lowen	April 4 hearing to be held	3/31/2023
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.					



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<a href="#">HP 622</a> <a href="#">(LD 975)</a>	ME	"An Act to Align Maine's Elevator Safety Laws with Maine Uniform Building and Energy Code Standards"	Ed Crockett	Carried over to the 131st Legislature	3/30/2023
This bill requires that, for newly constructed buildings or for new additions that extend beyond the exterior wall of an existing building, passenger elevators conform to the International Building Code standard, as adopted in the Maine Uniform Building and Energy Code, regarding elevator car accommodations for an ambulance stretcher.					
<a href="#">SB 795</a>	CA	"Energy: building energy efficiency: heating, ventilation, and air conditioning equipment: sale registry and compliance tracking system: compliance documentation data repository."	Henry Stern	Read 2nd time and amended	3/30/2023
This bill would require the commission to develop and implement an electronic statewide heating, ventilation, and air conditioning (HVAC) equipment sales registry and compliance tracking system. The bill would also require the commission to develop and implement an electronic statewide compliance document data repository.					
<a href="#">SB 682</a>	CA	"Low-carbon cement and concrete."	Nancy Skinner	Read 2nd time and amended	3/30/2023
The bill would set a policy for state agencies to purchase or specify at least 10%, by volume, of cement and concrete, including supplementary cementitious materials by 2030 and to exclude the purchase of fossil-based supplementary cementitious materials by 2035. The bill would require, by March 31, 2024, the Transportation Agency, the Department of Transportation, the Department of General Services, the Department of Water Resources, and other state agencies, in collaboration with the State Air Resources Board, to develop and enter into advance procurement agreements for the purchase or specification of low-carbon cement and low-carbon concrete products up to 10 years in advance that would facilitate the development of production of concrete, cement, and supplementary cementitious materials that meet or exceed the benchmark for low-carbon cement and concrete.					
<a href="#">AB 43</a>	CA	"Greenhouse gas emissions: building materials: embodied carbon trading system."	Chris Holden	Read 2nd time and amended	3/30/2023
This bill would express that it is the intent of the Legislature to enact future legislation establishing a Low Carbon Product Standard (LCPS) to facilitate a credit trading platform for building materials and to enact future legislation to require that the LCPS establish a compliance system					

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Bill #	State	Bill Title	Primary Sponsor	Last Action	Date
<a href="#">SB 48</a>	CA	"Water and Energy Savings Act."	Josh Becker	Read 2nd time and amended	3/30/2023
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.					
<a href="#">HB 23-1233</a>	CO	"Electric Vehicle Charging And Parking Requirements"	Tisha Mauro	Refer Amended to House Committee of the Whole	3/29/2023
This bill would require the state electrical board to adopt rules requiring compliance, starting January 1, 2024, with the provisions of the model electric ready and solar ready code that require multifamily buildings to be electric vehicle (EV) capable and EV ready and to have EV supply equipment installed. The board cannot adopt rules that prevent the installation or use of EV charging stations except for safety concerns. The bill also broadens the prohibition on landlords unreasonably preventing the installation of EV charging equipment in leased premises to include assigned or deeded parking spaces, parking spaces accessible to tenants, and commercial rental property. Landlords are also required to allow EVs or plug-in hybrid vehicles to park on their premises. It also extends the prohibition on common interest communities unreasonably prohibiting the installation of EV charging equipment to include assigned or deeded parking spaces for units and parking spaces accessible to unit owners. Local governments must count parking spaces served by an EV charging station as at least one standard automobile parking space and any wheelchair-accessible van parking served by an EV charging station as at least two standard automobile parking spaces. Finally, the bill exempts EV charging systems from property tax until 2030.					
<a href="#">SB 378</a>	NC	"Code Council Reorg. and Var. Code Amend."	Steve Jarvis	Ref To Com On Rules and Operations of the Senate	3/28/2023
This bill creates the residential code council and directs this council to review and consider any proposal for revision or amendment to the North Carolina Residential Code, including applicable provisions from the North Carolina Energy Conservation Code, North Carolina Electrical Code, North Carolina Fuel Gas Code, North Carolina Plumbing Code, North Carolina Mechanical Code, North Carolina Existing Building Code, and any other code applicable to residential construction. This Council shall also consider any appeal or interpretation pertaining to the North Carolina Residential Code and make disposition of the appeal or issue an interpretation.					



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## State Rules & Notices



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FL	3/22/23	Proposed	<a href="#">Standards Of The National Fire Protection Association And Other Standards Adopted</a>
<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>			
FL	3/22/23	Proposed	<a href="#">Standards Of The National Fire Protection Association, NFPA 101, The Life Safety Code®, Florida 2018 Edition, Adopted; Standards Of The National Fire Protection Association, NFPA 1, The Fire Code, Florida 2018 Edition, Adopted</a>
<p>This rule requires the State Fire Marshal to update, by rule, the Florida Fire Prevention Code every three years. The State Fire Marshal will 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>			