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Upcoming Code Body Meetings



Meetings

State	Body	Date	Formula
Oklahoma	Oklahoma Uniform Building Code Commission	4/18/2023	Info
Washington	Washington State Advisory Board of Plumbers Meeting	4/18/2023	Info
Iowa	Iowa Plumbing & Mechanical Systems Board Meeting	4/18/2023	Info
Minnesota	Minnesota Plumbing Board Meeting	4/18/2023	Info
Texas	Texas State Board of Plumbing Examiners Meeting	4/18/2023	Info
Florida	Florida Building Code Administrators and Inspectors Board Meeting	4/19/2023	Info
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Rhode Island	Rhode Island Energy Efficiency & Resource Management Council Meeting	4/20/2023	Info
California	California Building Standards Commission Meeting	4/20/2023	Info
Florida	Florida Building Code Administrators and Inspectors Board Meeting	4/20/2023	Info
DC	DC Construction Codes Coordinating Board Meeting	4/20/2023	Info
DC	DC Commercial Energy TAG Meeting	4/20/2023	Info
Massachusetts	Massachusetts Fire Service Commission Meeting	4/20/2023	Info
Washington	Washington State Building Code Council Meeting	4/21/2023	Info
Maine	Maine Electricians' Examining Board Meeting	4/21/2023	Info
New Hampshire	New Hampshire Energy Efficiency and Sustainable Energy Board	4/21/2023	Info
Florida	Florida Building Code Administrators and Inspectors Board Meeting	4/21/2023	Info
Washington	Washington State BCC Meeting	4/21/2023	Info
Hawaii	Hawaii Electrician and Plumber Board Meeting	4/25/2023	Info
Georgia	Georgia National Electrical Code Task Force Meeting	4/25/2023	Info
Idaho	Idaho State Electrical Board Meeting	4/26/2023	Info
Oklahoma	Oklahoma Construction Industries Board Meeting	4/26/2023	Info
South Dakota	South Dakota State Plumbing Commission	4/27/2023	Info
Florida	Florida Existing Building Working Group	4/27/2023	Info

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Building

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Rhode Island	4/13/2023	RI BCS Committee to discuss adoption of the 2023 RI state codes 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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Misc.

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New York	3/31/2023	NYSFPBCC to discuss energy and uniform code updates 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.
Louisiana	4/11/2023	LSUCCC to review changes to 2021 I-codes and 2020 NEC The Louisiana State Uniform Construction Code Council's Technical Codes Study and Advisory Committee will conduct a review and discussion of proposed corrections and changes for 2021 I-codes and 2020 NEC amendments.
New Hampshire	4/14/2023	BCRB to hold public hearing on various model codes and amendments thereto The New Hampshire State Building Code Review Board will hold a public hearing relative to the following: the IMC model code, IMC amendments, IPC model code, IPC amendments, ISPSC model code, and ISPSC amendments. The Board will then conduct a vote on these items. The Board will also discuss a report on and potential amendments to the IRC model code.

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Bills with Recent Activity



Legislation

Bill #	State	Bill Title	Primary Sponsor	Last Action	Date
HB 6	MD	Energy-Conserving Standards (Maryland Sustainable Buildings Act of 2023)	Terri L. Hill	Passed Enrolled	4/10/2023
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.					
SB 92	MD	Energy-Conserving Standards (Maryland Sustainable Buildings Act of 2023)	Clarence K. Lam	Motion Special Order until Later Today Adopted	4/10/2023
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SB 1377 HB 799	TN	Requires that the 2018 IECC be used for the minimum energy conservation standards for new residential construction.	Steve Southerland	Sponsor(s) Added.	4/10/2023
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.					
HB 197	HI	Relating To Climate Change Mitigation.	Nicole E. Lowen	Notice of disagreement.	4/14/2023
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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HB 23-1233	CO	Electric Vehicle Charging And Parking Requirements	Tisha Mauro	Assigned to Transportation & Energy	4/14/2023
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.					
HB 799 SB 1377	TN	Requires that the 2018 IECC be used for the minimum energy conservation standards for new residential construction.	Jason Zachary	Signed by H. Speaker	4/17/2023
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.					
HB 433 LC 3555	MT	Clarify use of certain refrigerants	Tom Welch	2nd Reading	4/17/2023
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.					
SB 52 BDR 241	NV	Revises provisions relating to the standards for the design and construction of buildings or other projects of this State.	N/A	No further action allowed.	4/15/2023
This bill would require the State Public Works Board of the State Public Works Division of the Department of Administration to adopt standards for the efficient use of energy, including, without limitation, the use of sources of renewable energy for the purposes of achieving net-zero energy consumption and net zero greenhouse gas emissions where practicable.					

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SB 406 LC 562	MT	Revise laws related to local building codes	Steve Fitzpatrick	(S) Sent to Enrolling	4/14/2023
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.					
SB 682	CA	Low-carbon cement and concrete.	Nancy Skinner	Set for hearing April 25.	4/13/2023
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.					
HB 1134	MD	Maryland Building Performance Standards – Fossil Fuel Use and Electric-Ready Standards	Gabriel Acevero	Unfavorable Report by Enviro. and Transport.	4/10/2023
The bill directs the MD Department of Labor to adopt requirements that new buildings meet all energy demands of the building without the use of fossil fuels by October 1, 2025.					
S 3531.S 3531A	NY	Directs the state fire prevention and building code council to update the state fire prevention and building code and the state energy conservation construction code	James G. Skoufis	AMENDED ON THIRD READING 3531A	4/10/2023
This bill directs the state fire prevention and building code council to update the state fire prevention and building code and the state energy conservation construction code within 18 months of the publication of any updated or revised edition of the international and national codes.					