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Upcoming Code Body Meetings



Meetings

State	Body	Date	Formula
Massachusetts	Massachusetts Board of State Examiners of Plumbers and Gas Fitters Meeting	5/3/2023	Info
Massachusetts	Massachusetts General Requirements Code Committee Meeting	5/4/2023	Info
Massachusetts	Massachusetts Board of Fire Prevention Regulations (BFPR) Meeting	5/4/2023	Info
Massachusetts	Massachusetts Building Code Appeals Board (BCAB) Meeting	5/4/2023	Info
Indiana	Indiana Fire Prevention and Building Safety Commission Meeting	5/5/2023	Info
California	California Building Standards Commission Meeting	5/5/2023	Info
New Hampshire	New Hampshire IECC Meeting	5/5/2023	Info
Indiana	Indiana Fire Prevention and Building Safety Commission Meeting	5/5/2023	Info
Oregon	Oregon Energy Advisory Work Group Meeting	5/8/2023	Info
Virginia	Virginia Board of Housing and Community Development	5/8/2023	Info
Virginia	Virginia Board for Contractors Meeting	5/9/2023	Info
Idaho	Idaho Heating, Ventilation & Air Conditioning (HVAC) Board Meeting	5/10/2023	Info
Florida	Florida Building Commission Meeting	5/10/2023	Info
Florida	Florida Residential Construction Cost Impact Workgroup Meeting	5/10/2023	Info
Florida	Florida Roofing TAC Meeting	5/10/2023	Info
Florida	Florida Structural TAC Meeting	5/10/2023	Info
Virginia	Virginia State Building Code Technical Review Board Meeting	5/12/2023	Info
Oklahoma	Oklahoma Uniform Building Code Commission	5/16/2023	Info
North Dakota	North Dakota State Electrical Board Meeting	5/17/2023	Info
Rhode Island	Rhode Island Energy Efficiency & Resource Management Council Meeting	5/18/2023	Info
Washington	Washington State Building Code Council Meeting	5/19/2023	Info
Maine	Maine Electricians' Examining Board Meeting	5/19/2023	Info
New Hampshire	New Hampshire Energy Efficiency and Sustainable Energy Board	5/19/2023	Info

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Building

State	Date	Title
Washington	4/27/2023	SBCC publishes 2021 Washington State Building Code The Washington State Building Code Council published the 2021 Washington State Building Code, which includes adoption of Appendix E and ICC/ANSI A117.1-2017; includes the 2021 International Existing Building Code; includes the International Swimming Pool and Spa Code; and is effective July 1, 2023.

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Fire

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Washington	4/27/2023	SBCC publishes 2021 Washington State Fire Code
The Washington State Building Code Council published the 2021 Washington State Fire Code, which is effective July 1, 2023.		

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Energy

State	Date	Title
Vermont	4/25/2023	DPS to discuss amendments to Residential Building Energy Standards (RBES) The Vermont Department of Public Service will discuss amending the Residential Building Energy Standards (RBES) through administrative rules, as required for adequate thermal insulation, low air leakage, effective and efficient mechanical, ventilation, electrical, service water heating and illumination systems and equipment to enable effective use of energy in residential buildings. Such amendments represent an update of the 2020 RBES, and include: increased insulation R- values for basements; tighter air sealing requirements; efficient balanced whole-house ventilation system with heat recovery requirement; and EV-capable requirements.
Washington	4/27/2023	SBCC publishes 2021 Washington State Energy Code The Washington State Building Code Council published the 2021 Washington State Energy Code, which is based on the 2021 IECC; and is effective July 1, 2023.

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State	Date	Title
North Carolina	6/13/2023	BCC to hold public hearing in response to rulemaking petitions The North Carolina Building Code Council will hold a public hearing on June 12 to incorporate various changes in the NC State Building Codes as a result of 10 rulemaking petitions filed with the Council, and to incorporate changes proposed by the Council itself.
Washington	4/27/2023	SBCC publishes 2021 Washington State Mechanical Code The Washington State Building Code Council published the 2021 Washington State Mechanical Code, which includes adoption of the 2021 International Fuel Gas Code, 2021 NFPA 58, and 2020 NFPA 54; and is effective July 1, 2023.
Indiana	5/5/2023	Indiana Building Commissioner Interpretations The Indiana Fire and Building Safety Commission will readopt numerous rules without revision, as well as hear interpretations from the State Building Commissioner as to dwelling garage fire separation and exemptions to decommissioned elevator shafts repurposed for ductwork or plumbing.
Virginia	5/8/2023	Virginia Fire Prevention and Uniform Building Code Hearings The Virginia Board of Housing and Community Development will hold hearings on the Statewide Fire Prevention Code as well as the Uniform Statewide Building Code.

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Bills with Recent Activity



Legislation

Bill #	State	Bill Title	Primary Sponsor	Last Action	Date
HB 23-1233	CO	Electric Vehicle Charging And Parking Requirements	Tisha Mauro	Senate Second Reading	4/28/2023
<p>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.</p>					
HB 197	HI	Relating To Climate Change Mitigation.	Nicole E. Lowen	Conference Committee Meeting will reconvene on Friday 04-28-23	4/28/2023
<p>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.</p>					

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Bill #	State	Bill Title	Primary Sponsor	Last Action	Date
SB 406 , LC 562	MT	Revise laws related to local building codes	Steve Fitzpatrick	Transmitted to Governor	4/26/2023
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 795	CA	Energy: building energy efficiency: heating, ventilation, and air conditioning equipment: sale registry and compliance tracking system: compliance documentation data repository.	Henry I. Stern	Read second time and amended.	4/27/2023
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.					
HB 799 , SB 1377	TN	Requires that the 2018 IECC published by the ICC be used for the minimum energy conservation standards for new residential construction.	Jason Zachary	Signed by Governor.	4/28/2023
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.					

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HP 1174 , LD 1842	ME	Resolve, to Support Energy Upgrades at Maine Public Schools and Ensure That New School Construction Meets Current Energy Efficiency Standards	Raegan French LaRochelle	REFERRED to the Committee on EDU. AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS	4/27/2023
The bill directs the Department of Education to form a working group to review and recommend changes to the department's new construction and renovation energy efficiency standards with an emphasis on heating and cooling systems. The working group must also consider the best ways to upgrade existing schools' older heating and cooling systems to more energy-efficient systems and how those upgrades can be made cost-neutral for school administrative units.					
SB 682	CA	Low-carbon cement and low-carbon concrete.	Nancy Skinner	Read second time and amended.	4/27/2023
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 2689	TX	Relating to the adoption of a certain plumbing code by the Texas State Board of Plumbing Examiners.	Cecil Bell	Failed to receive affirmative vote	4/26/2023
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.					