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Code Alerts

Upcoming Code Body Meetings



Meetings

State	Body	Date	Formula
Oklahoma	Oklahoma Uniform Building Code Commission	5/16/2023	Info
Massachusetts	Massachusetts Fire Service Commission Meeting	5/16/2023	Info
North Dakota	North Dakota State Electrical Board Meeting	5/17/2023	Info
Washington	Washington State Building Code Council BFP Committee Meeting	5/17/2023	Info
New Mexico	New Mexico Construction Industries Commission Meeting	5/17/2023	Info
Rhode Island	Rhode Island Health and Educational Building Corporation	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
South Carolina	South Carolina Building Codes Council Meeting	5/23/2023	Info
Alabama	Alabama Plumbers and Gasfitters Examining Board Meeting	5/23/2023	Info
Massachusetts	Massachusetts Building Code Appeals Board (BCAB) Meeting	5/23/2023	Info
Oklahoma	Oklahoma Construction Industries Board Meeting	5/24/2023	Info

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Building

State	Date	Title
Washington	5/11/2023	SBCC publishes 2021 Washington State Residential Code The Washington State Building Code Council published the 2021 Washington State Residential Code, which includes adoption of Appendices F, Q, and U; and is effective July 1, 2023. Note: Chapter 11 and Chapters 25 through 43 are not adopted.
New Hampshire	5/12/2023	BCRB to hold public hearing on refrigerant amendments The New Hampshire Building Code Review Board will hold a public hearing on refrigerant amendments for the 2018 IBC (BD-18-15-23, BD-18-16-23, BD-18-17-23, BD 21-09-23 R1), IMC (ME 18-13-23, ME-14-23), and IRC (RE-18-27-23).

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Misc.

State	Date	Title
New Hampshire	5/12/2023	BCRB to discuss model code and amendment introductions
The New Hampshire Building Code Review Board will discuss the 2021 model IRC and amendments, as well as the 2021 model IECC and amendments.		
Washington	5/17/2023	BFP Committee to review various off-cycle rules
The Building, Fire, and Plumbing Committee of the Washington State Building Code Council will review several off-cycle rules: modifying the definition and provisions of "CHILD CARE" and "FAMILY HOME" in the 2021 IBC and the 2021 IRC; adopting the R-4 Occupancy Group in the 2021 IBC and the 2021 IFC; and modifying the 2021 IFC's Chapter 12 (Energy Storage Systems).		
Washington	5/19/2023	SBCC to review various emergency and off-cycle rules
The Washington State Building Code Council will review several emergency and off-cycle rules: adopting the R-4 Occupancy Group in the 2021 IBC and the 2021 IFC; modifying the definition and provisions of "CHILD CARE" and "FAMILY HOME" in the IBC and the IRC; readopting the 2018 IFC emergency rule related to energy storage systems; and readopting the 2021 IFC off-cycle rule related to energy storage systems.		

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Bills with Recent Activity



Legislation

Bill #	State	Bill Title	Primary Sponsor	Last Action	Date
SB 855	RI	An Act Relating To Health And Safety -- State Building Code	Victoria Gu	Scheduled for hearing	5/12/2023
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.					
HB 264	MO	SWIMMING POOL AND SPA CODE	Chris Sander	Referred: Econ. Dev.	5/12/2023
The bill adopts the International Swimming Pool and Spa Code as it existed on May 1, 2022, is adopted as the county and municipal swimming pool and spa code in this state. The International Swimming Pool and Spa Code shall apply to all construction, alteration, remodeling, enlargement, and repair of swimming pools and spas in any county or municipality that elects to regulate swimming pools or spas. The bill provides that counties and municipalities may make amendments to the International Swimming Pool and Spa Code.					
S 473.SD 18	MA	An Act promoting climate safe buildings	Lydia Edwards	Hearing scheduled	5/10/2023
This bill would reaffirm the Board of Building Regulations and Standards under the Division of Occupational Licensure. The bill directs the Board to set uniform standards and requirements for construction and construction materials, compatible with accepted standards of engineering and fire prevention practices, energy conservation, climate resilience, and public health and safety. In the formulation of such standards and requirements, performance for the use intended shall be the test of acceptability, in accordance with accredited testing standards. Additionally, the adoption of modern technical methods, devices, and improvements which may reduce the cost of construction and maintenance over the life of the building and reduce the impacts of and damage from climate change without affecting the health, safety, and security of the occupants or users of the buildings.					
HB 6	MD	Department of General Services - Energy-Conserving Standards (Maryland Sustainable Buildings Act of 2023)	Terri L. Hill	Approved by the Gov.	5/8/2023
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.					

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HB 433 LC 3555	MT	Clarify use of certain refrigerants	Tom Welch	Transmitted to Governor	5/8/2023
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 795	CA	Energy: building energy efficiency: heating, ventilation, and air-conditioning equipment sale registry and compliance tracking system: electronic statewide compliance documentation data repository.	Henry I. Stern	Set for hearing May 18.	5/12/2023
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.					
SB 48	CA	Building Energy Savings Act.	Josh Becker	Set for hearing May 18.	5/12/2023
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.					