# Overview of State Code & Regulatory Activities in the United States

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#### **US Climate Alliance States Pledged Actions**

	Explore zero- emission standard for space, water heating equipment	Explore building performance standards	Explore clean heat standard	Phase out fossil fuel heating, cooling in new construction by 2027	codes to maximize electrification,	Align utility resource planning, procurement with climate goals
California						
Colorado						
Connecticut						
Hawaii						
Maine						
Maryland						
Massachussetts						
New Jersey						
New Mexico						
New York						
Oregon						
Pennsylvania						
Rhode Island						
Washington						
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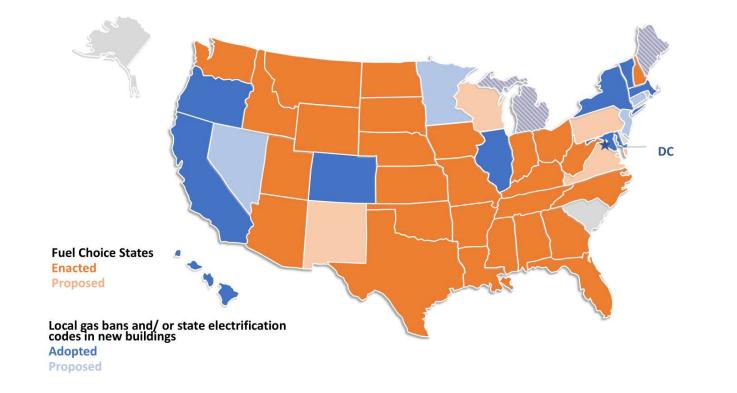
Chart does not reflect all building decarbonization actions taken by states to date. As part of the Sept. 21 announcement, all 25 US Climate Alliance members pledged to collectively install 20 million heat pumps by 2030.

Source: US Climate Alliance.

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# **Today's Landscape**





## Washington state

- WA state leg failed to pass anti-gas bills in 2021 and 2022
- WA SBCC approves code changes effectively banning natural gas in 2023 after contentious process
- Initiative 2066 passes repealing code changes and portions of HB 1589 (2024)
- Enforcement of 2066 outstanding, competing lawsuits filed



#### **Greater Focus on BEPS**





#### Maryland Pursues ZEHES

- Gov. Moore EO June 2024
- Based on NESCAUM ZEHES Model Rule
- Stakeholder outreach through the fall, comments were due 1/6
- Legal Concerns





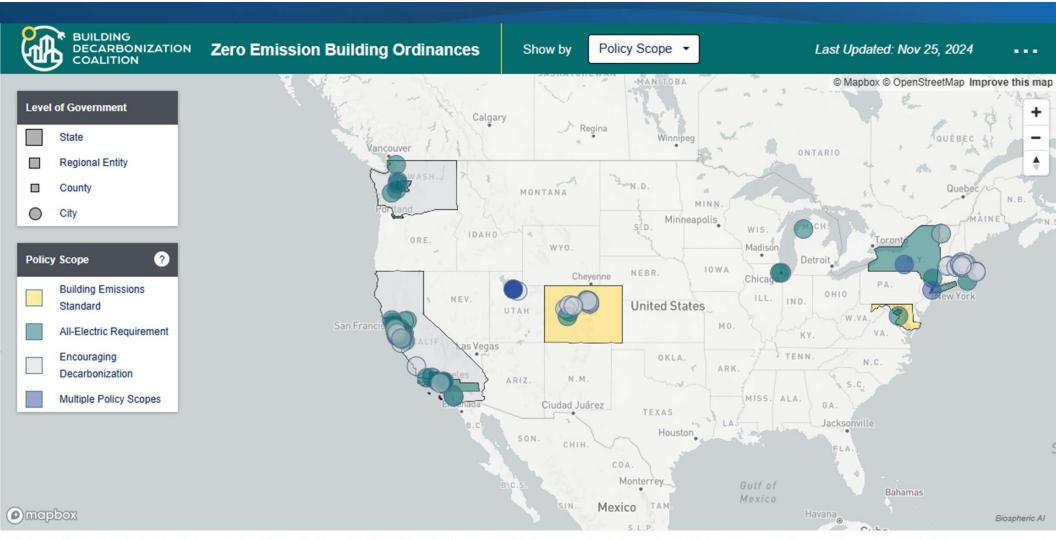


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**NINE STATES +** 

have committed to accelerate the adoption of pollutionfree heat pumps to meet air quality and climate goals.





\*Please note: only adopted policies or municipal practices that address fuel types and building emissions are included, energy efficiency-only and non-binding targets are not tracked nor contribute to the total. Some jurisdictions have multiple policies but are only counted once in the above totals.

## **Local Initiatives**

- Berkeley Initiative GG
- Minneapolis carbon tax
- Evanston, IL Healthy Buildings Ordinance
- Pending EPCA-style legal challenges: Denver, DC, Montgomery County MD



#### **Cooking with Gas in the States**

"WARNING: Gas stoves can emit gases (such as NITROGEN DIOXIDE, CARBON MONOXIDE, BENZENE, and FORMALDEHYDE) inside homes at levels exceeding the EPA's standards for outdoor air quality. The presence of these pollutants can affect your health and may exacerbate or contribute to the development of respiratory illnesses. Properly installed and operating ventilation to the outdoors can reduce but not eliminate emissions.



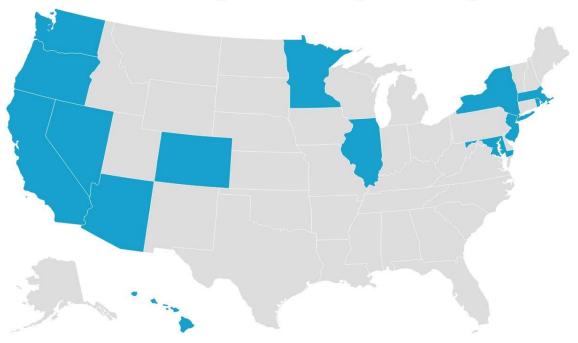
#### **Redefining the Obligation to Serve**

- CA SB 1221 (2024)
- CO HB 24-1370 (2024)
- MA S 2967 (2024)
- NY HEAT Act (pending for multiple sessions)



# Long-Term Gas Planning

#### Jurisdictions With Long Term Planning Proceedings



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# Questions?

