# Building Code Alerts - January 21st, 2025



# **Upcoming Code Body Meetings**

State	Body	Date	Formula
Oklahoma	Oklahoma Uniform Building Code Commission Meeting	1/21/2025	<u>Info</u>
Minnesota	Minnesota Plumbing Board Meeting	1/21/2025	<u>Info</u>
California	California Energy Commission Business Meeting	1/21/2025	<u>Info</u>
Washington	Washington State Building Code Council Meeting	1/24/2025	<u>Info</u>
DC	DC Green Building Advisory Council Meeting	1/27/2025	<u>Info</u>
Minnesota	Minnesota Board of Electricity Meeting	1/27/2025	<u>Info</u>
North Dakota	North Dakota State Electrical Board Meeting	1/29/2025	<u>Info</u>
Wisconsin	Wisconsin Plumbing Code Advisory Committee Meeting	1/31/2025	<u>Info</u>
Indiana	Indiana Fire Prevention and Building Safety Commission Meeting	2/5/2025	<u>Info</u>
Georgia	Georgia Department of Community Affairs State Codes Advisory Committee Meeting	2/6/2025	<u>Info</u>
Louisiana	Louisiana State Uniform Construction Code Council Meeting	2/11/2025	<u>Info</u>
Idaho	Idaho Building Code Board Meeting	2/11/2025	<u>Info</u>
Florida	Florida Building Commission Meeting	2/11/2025	<u>Info</u>
California	California Building Standards Commission Meeting	2/26/2025	<u>Info</u>
California	California Building Standards Commission Meeting	2/27/2025	<u>Info</u>
New York	New York State Fire Prevention and Building Code Council Code Development Meeting	2/28/2025	<u>Info</u>

#### **Code Alerts**

#### Energy

State	Date	Title
		Michigan Adopts 2021 Energy Code with Option for ASHRAE
Michigan	1/21/2025	90.1 or Amended IECC for Commercial Buildings

The 2021 Michigan Energy Code rules were filed on December 23, 2024, and will become effective on April 22, 2025, adopting the 2021 IECC with Michigan-specific amendments. The rules allow the use of either the ASHRAE 90.1 standard or the Michigan-amended version of the IECC for commercial energy code compliance.

#### **Building**

State	Date	Title
		Florida Building Commission to Review and Approve 9th Edition
Florida	2/11/2025	Workplan at February 2025 Plenary Session

The Florida Building Commission will hold a plenary session via teleconference/webinar on February 11, 2025, at 8:30 A.M. Key agenda items include the review and approval of the updated Florida Building Code, 9th Edition (2026) Workplan, alongside decisions on procedural topics, product approvals, accreditor and course applications, and petitions for declaratory statements. The session will also feature a legal briefing, public comments, and committee reports, concluding with next steps and agenda planning for future meetings.

	Michigan Adopts 2021 Building Code with New Heating
Michigan	1/21/2025 Requirements and Cold Weather Month Definition

The 2021 Michigan Building Code rules were filed on December 10, 2024, and will become effective on April 9, 2025. These rules adopt the 2021 International Building Code with Michigan-specific amendments, including the addition of a new definition for "Cold Weather Months" (Nov 1–Apr 1 for climate zone 5A and Oct 15–May 1 for zones 6A and 7), impacting heating requirements for interior spaces. Changes to Section 1203.1 set new heating facility standards for occupied spaces and specify exceptions for certain types of seasonal or unoccupied spaces during cold weather months.

#### Miscellaneous

State	Date	Title
		Oklahoma Uniform Building Code Commission to Review Committee
Oklahoma	1/21/2025	Positions and Hold Hearings on 2024 I-Code Updates

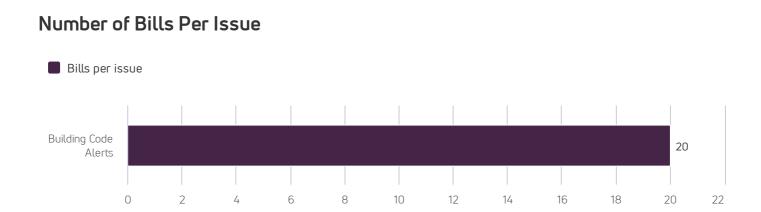
The Oklahoma Uniform Building Code Commission agenda includes approving November 2024 meeting minutes, reviewing positions for the 2024 ISPSC technical code review committees, and modifying positions for the Residential Electrical and Residential Fuel Gas, Mechanical, and Plumbing Committees. Volunteers for technical code review committees tied to the 2024 IRC, including Residential Building, Fuel Gas, and Electrical Committees, will also be evaluated and approved. Rulemaking items focus on public hearings for updates from the 2018 to 2024 I-Codes, including the IBC, IFC, and IEBC, addressing amendments on fire safety, structural design, accessibility, and referenced standards, along with new provisions for construction safeguards and demolition fire safety. Public comments will be reviewed during the hearings to guide final decisions on these updates.

		California Building Standards Commission to Review Code Amendments and Swimming Pool Safety Act, February 26-28,	
California	2/26/2025		

The California Building Standards Commission (CBSC) will meet on February 26, 27, and 28, 2025, to review proposed amendments to various parts of the California Building Standards Code, Title 24, including the California Building, Residential, Existing Building, and Fire Codes. Agenda items also include consideration of public comments, amendments to the Swimming Pool Safety Act, and discussions on procedural and regulatory matters, with meetings available via Zoom, teleconference, and live-streamed on YouTube. Public comments will be heard on issues not listed on the agenda, and the Commission will address future agenda items.

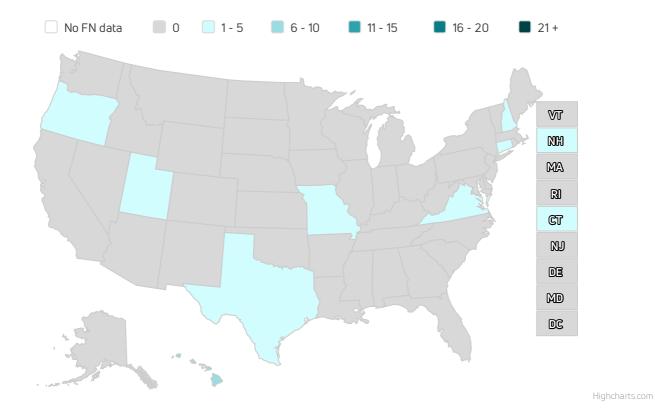
# **Fiscal Note**

# Building Codes Legislative and Regulatory Alerts 2025.01.21



## **US Policy Map**

You are tracking **0 US-Federal Bills** and **0 US-Federal Regulations**. You're also following state data as detailed below.



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#### CT HB 5726

**Title:** AN ACT CONCERNING A STATE-WIDE BUILDING CODE CONSISTING OF MORE STRINGENT ENERGY EFFICIENCY REQUIREMENTS.

Current Status: Introduced

Introduction Date: January 21, 2025

**Last Action Date:** Referred to Joint Committee on Public Safety and Security. January 21, 2025 **Summary:** This bill requires the Office of the State Building Inspector and the Codes and Standards Committee to develop a state-wide building code that includes more stringent energy efficiency requirements than those currently outlined in the State Building Code. Municipalities will have the option to adopt this new code, which aims to assist in transforming building stock to meet climate goals, reduce air pollution, and enhance energy affordability.

Location: US-CT

#### **UTHB48**

Title: Wildland Urban Interface Modifications

Current Status: Introduced

Introduction Date: December 19, 2024

Last Action Date: House/received fiscal note from Fiscal Analyst. January 21, 2025

**Summary:** This bill defines terms and mandates counties to assess fees for wildland urban interface (WUI) properties, directing the funds to counties or the Wildland-Urban Interface Fund. It requires adoption of WUI building code standards, establishes a program for evaluating high-risk WUI properties, provides for a database accessible to insurers, and includes provisions on insurance, liability, and rulemaking.

Location: US-UT

## **VA HB 2577**

Title: Uniform Statewide Building Code; unsafe structures.

Current Status: Introduced

Introduction Date: January 12, 2025

Last Action Date: Assigned GL sub: Housing/Consumer Protection. January 20, 2025

**Summary:** This amendment allows property owners to temporarily overcome an "unsafe structure" designation by securing and vacating the building for up to six months, after which the locality may reissue the unsafe designation if conditions are not improved. If appealed, the local Building Code appeals board may grant more time, but if no appeal is filed or the extension expires, the unsafe designation will resume, and the locality may continue with demolition procedures if necessary.

Location: US-VA

#### HI HB 745

Title: Relating To Building Codes.

Current Status: Introduced

Introduction Date: January 17, 2025

Last Action Date: Pending introduction.. January 17, 2025

**Summary:** This bill mandates that beginning January 1, 2028, all existing county building codes will be superseded by the most recent Hawaii state building codes adopted by the state building code council. Counties will retain the ability to amend these state codes within their jurisdictions, but they can only do so by removing requirements or adding new ones with prior approval from the council. The bill also repeals the previous authority of counties to adopt and update the Hawaii state building codes independently.

Location: US-HI

#### HISB 698

**Title:** Relating To The State Building Codes.

Current Status: Introduced

Introduction Date: January 17, 2025

Last Action Date: Passed First Reading.. January 17, 2025

**Summary:** This bill requires all newly constructed single-family residences and apartment buildings within specified geographic areas to be designed to withstand certain categories of hurricanes. Additionally, these buildings must include residential safe rooms with attached bathrooms. The

provisions will take effect on January 1, 2026.

Location: US-HI

## HI HB 356

**Title:** Relating To The State Building Codes.

**Current Status:** Introduced

Introduction Date: January 17, 2025

Last Action Date: Introduced and Pass First Reading.. January 17, 2025

**Summary:** This bill requires that all newly constructed single-family homes and apartment buildings in Hawaii be built to withstand specific categories of hurricanes, reflecting the increasing threat posed by climate change. Specifically, homes located within the "one hundred thirty miles per hour wind level" must be designed to endure at least a category three hurricane and include a residential safe room with an attached bathroom. For structures situated within the "one hundred forty miles per hour wind level" or higher, the requirement escalates to withstanding a category five hurricane, also with a safe room.

Location: US-HI

#### HISB 632

**Title:** Relating To The State Building Code.

**Current Status:** Introduced

Introduction Date: January 17, 2025

Last Action Date: Passed First Reading.. January 17, 2025

**Summary:** This bill mandates the development and adoption of a Hawaii Green Building Standards Code by the State Building Code Council, modeled after California's CALGreen standards. The purpose is to promote sustainable construction practices, enhance affordability, and improve health and environmental outcomes through energy-efficient, durable, and environmentally friendly building designs. The council must report progress to the legislature before the 2026 session.

Location: US-HI

#### **OR SB 497**

**Title:** Relating to construction standards for energy efficiency; amending ORS 455.500; and prescribing an effective date.

Current Status: Introduced

Introduction Date: January 13, 2025

Last Action Date: Referred to Labor and Business.. January 17, 2025

**Summary:** This bill prohibits municipalities in Oregon from adopting construction standards or methods from the Reach Code, or any similar code, that exceed the standards set by the state's

Department of Consumer and Business Services.

Location: US-OR

#### OR SB 862

**Title:** Relating to fire protection; creating new provisions; amending ORS 478.260, 478.270, 478.970, 478.972, 478.980 and 478.982; and repealing ORS 478.940.

Current Status: Introduced

Introduction Date: January 13, 2025

Last Action Date: Referred to Natural Resources and Wildfire, then Ways and Means.. January 17,

2025

**Summary:** This bill requires the Department of the State Fire Marshal to adopt a base fire prevention code, known as the Oregon Fire Code, and mandates that this code be made publicly available electronically. It also makes amendments to existing laws regarding fire districts, including provisions for rural fire protection districts. The bill allows fire districts to acquire property for establishing fire evacuation routes and to operate emergency medical services in accordance with county plans.

Location: US-OR

#### OR HB 2657

**Title:** Relating to building codes applicable to essential facilities; creating new provisions; amending ORS 455.117 and 455.447; and prescribing an effective date.

**Current Status:** Introduced

Introduction Date: January 13, 2025

Last Action Date: Referred to Commerce and Consumer Protection.. January 17, 2025

**Summary:** This bill permits the Construction Contractors Board to adopt licensing standards for applying or installing fireproofing materials in essential facilities and requires the Department of Consumer and Business Services to adopt rules for adequate fireproofing in all newly constructed essential facilities.

Location: US-OR

#### MO HB 939

Title: sustainability building codes

**Current Status:** Introduced

Introduction Date: January 16, 2025

Last Action Date: Introduced and Read First Time (H). January 16, 2025

**Summary:** This bill prohibits counties or municipalities from enacting or maintaining ordinances, regulations, or policies that require excessive building design and construction practices for one- or two-family homes, condominiums, or multiunit townhouses. It specifically prohibits mandates for sustainable, high-performance, or energy efficiency standards that exceed the 2009 International Residential Code or International Energy Conservation Code. Any such policy enacted in violation would be considered null and void.

Location: US-MO

## HISB 120

**Title:** Relating To Building Codes.

**Current Status:** Introduced

Introduction Date: January 15, 2025

Last Action Date: Referred to PSM, WAM.. January 16, 2025

**Summary:** This bill amends the responsibilities and processes of the State Building Code Council. Key provisions include the requirement for the council to conduct financial analyses of proposed codes, determine which codes are essential for public safety, and consult with industry stakeholders to gather insights on construction practices and cost implications. The council will also be tasked

with submitting recommendations to county governing bodies regarding the adoption of codes within a two-year timeframe, accompanied by the necessary financial analysis.

Location: US-HI

#### HI HB 1

**Title:** Relating To Building Codes.

Current Status: Introduced

Introduction Date: January 08, 2025

Last Action Date: Introduced and Pass First Reading.. January 16, 2025

**Summary:** This bill amends the responsibilities of the State Building Code Council. The proposed changes include requiring the council to conduct financial analyses of new codes and standards, determining which codes are essential for public safety, and consulting with industry stakeholders to gather insights on construction practices and cost implications. The council will also be tasked with making timely recommendations to county governing bodies regarding the adoption of updated codes, with a two-year timeline for these recommendations.

Location: US-HI

#### **HISB 48**

Title: Relating To The State Building Code Council.

**Current Status:** Introduced

Introduction Date: January 15, 2025

Last Action Date: Referred to PSM, WAM.. January 16, 2025

**Summary:** This bill requires the State Building Code Council to assess the financial impact of the adoption of a code or standard on single-family and multi-family homes and requires the State Building Code Council to also include amortized utility costs when adopting codes or standards. In addition, it amends the annual reporting requirements for the State Building Code Council to include an assessment of costs and determinations of benefits for residents.

Location: US-HI

## TX SB 783

**Title:** Relating to certain regulations adopted by governmental entities for the construction or alteration of residential or commercial buildings.

**Current Status:** Introduced

Introduction Date: January 15, 2025 Last Action Date: Filed. January 15, 2025

**Summary:** The bill seeks to regulate how frequently and under what conditions governmental entities in Texas can amend or adopt new editions of energy codes and conservation standards for residential and commercial buildings. It mandates the State Energy Conservation Office to conduct

cost-effectiveness analyses, including impacts on housing affordability, before implementing changes, and requires a minimum nine-month delay for new standards to take effect.

Location: US-TX

## **UT HB 175**

Title: Housing Construction Amendments

Current Status: Introduced

Introduction Date: January 10, 2025

Last Action Date: House/received bill from Legislative Research. January 15, 2025

**Summary:** This bill modifies the state construction code related to housing in Utah. It amends the International Residential Code (IRC) to include three- and four-family dwellings, expanding the scope

of the code.

Location: US-UT

#### **NH HB 428**

**Title:** prohibiting municipal amendments to the state building code.

Current Status: Introduced

Introduction Date: January 10, 2025

Last Action Date: Public Hearing: 01/22/2025 11:30 am LOB 306-308. January 15, 2025

Summary: This bill prohibits local legislative bodies from making any amendments to the state

building code. **Location:** US-NH

#### **NH HB 134**

**Title:** relative to the state building code.

**Current Status:** Introduced

Introduction Date: January 06, 2025

Last Action Date: Public Hearing: 01/22/2025 10:45 am LOB 306-308. January 15, 2025

**Summary:** This bill would update the state electrical code to the 2023 edition of the NEC, and also provides for the implementation of all amendments to state I-codes as of September 13th, 2024.

Location: US-NH

#### **NH HB 96**

**Title:** requiring New Hampshire builders to use the 2021 Energy Building codes or a similar code that achieves equivalent or greater energy savings.

**Current Status:** Introduced

Introduction Date: December 23, 2024

Last Action Date: Public Hearing: 01/22/2025 02:00 pm LOB 306-308. January 15, 2025

**Summary:** This bill updates the definition of the state building code to include a more recent version of the international energy conservation code or similar code that achieves equivalent or greater

energy savings. **Location:** US-NH

#### **NH HB 244**

**Title:** updating and recodifying the municipal enforcement of the building and fire code.

Current Status: Introduced

Introduction Date: January 07, 2025

Last Action Date: Public Hearing: 01/22/2025 01:15 pm LOB 306-308. January 15, 2025

Summary: This bill reorganizes the state building and fire code by repealing it from certain parts of

the RSA and reenacting it with some modifications to another part of the RSA.

Location: US-NH

**Building Code Alerts Regulations** 

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