# Building Code Alerts - January 27th, 2025



## **Upcoming Code Body Meetings**

State	Body	Date	Formula
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>
Hawaii	Hawaii State Fire Council Third Quarter Meeting 1/27/202		<u>Info</u>
North Dakota	North Dakota State Electrical Board Meeting	1/29/2025	<u>Info</u>
Ohio	Ohio Residential Construction Advisory Committee Meeting	1/29/2025	<u>Info</u>
Oklahoma	Oklahoma Uniform Building Code Commission Special Meeting	1/29/2025	<u>Info</u>
Wisconsin	Wisconsin Plumbing Code Advisory Committee Meeting	1/31/2025	<u>Info</u>
Ohio	Ohio Board of Building Standards Conference 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 Inf		<u>Info</u>
California	California Energy Commission Business Meeting	2/12/2025	<u>Info</u>
Indiana	Indiana Joint Fire and Building Code Update Committee Meeting	2/12/2025	<u>Info</u>
Florida	Florida Building Code Administrators and Inspectors Board Meeting 2/13/2025		<u>Info</u>
Florida	Florida Building Code Administrators and Inspectors Board Meeting	2/14/2025	<u>Info</u>
Oklahoma	Oklahoma Unifrom Building Code Commission Meeting	2/18/2025	<u>Info</u>
Indiana	Indiana Electrical Code Update Committee Meeting	2/19/2025	<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>
California	California Building Standards Commission Meeting	2/28/2025	<u>Info</u>

#### **Code Alerts**

#### Fire

State	Date	Title
		Hawaii State Fire Council's Q3 Meeting to Address Fire Code
		Amendments, Wildfire Mitigation Bills, and Statewide Fire Safety
Hawaii	1/27/2025	<u>Initiatives</u>

The Hawaii State Fire Council's FY 2024-2025 third-quarter meeting agenda includes updates on state and county amendments to the 2021 and 2024 fire codes and discussions on adopting changes to the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) 1 Fire Code. The new business on the agenda focuses on reviewing proposed legislative bills that address wildfire mitigation, building code amendments, and enhanced fire safety standards. The council also plans to discuss initiatives like the Statewide Firefighting Helicopter Program and updates to the State Building Code Council's responsibilities, emphasizing fire prevention and emergency response improvements.

#### **Building**

State	Date	Title
		Washington State Building Code Council Reviews 2024 Code Updates, Emergency Rule on A2L Refrigerants, and Leadership
Washington	1/24/2025	<u>Elections</u>

The Washington State Building Code Council (SBCC) meeting on January 24, 2025, covered several key aspects of code development, including updates to the 2024 code adoption schedule and the review of Group 1 petitions related to the 2024 IBC, IEBC, IMC, and IFC. The council also addressed an emergency rule on A2L refrigerants and discussed plans to evaluate economic impacts, including cost-benefit analyses and small business economic impact statements for all codes. Elections for leadership positions and appointments to committees such as Legislative, BFRW, and MVPE were also finalized.

	Ohio Board of Building Standards to Review Petitions on
Ohio	1/31/2025 Refrigerant Piping and Gas-Fired Appliance Regulations

The Ohio Board of Building Standards meeting on 1/31 will consider two petitions under New Business. Petition 24-02 (OMC 1109.2.5) addresses revisions to refrigerant piping standards in the Ohio Mechanical Code. Petition 24-03 pertains to updates or changes regarding gas fire appliances and equipment.

### Residential

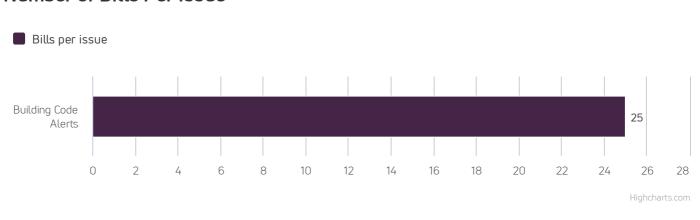
State	Date	Title
		Ohio Residential Construction Advisory Committee Meeting IRC
Ohio	1/29/2025	<u>Review</u>

The Ohio Residential Construction Advisory Committee meeting agenda includes discussions on smoke alarms under RCO Section 314 and a review of Chapter 11 of the 2024 IRC and IECC. The new business will focus on Chapter 24 of the 2024 IRC and an extensive review of IRC appendices, covering topics such as tiny houses, accessory dwelling units (ADUs), patio covers, alternative construction materials (e.g., strawbale, cob, hempcrete), 3D printing, and venting methods. These discussions aim to address updates and innovations in residential construction standards.

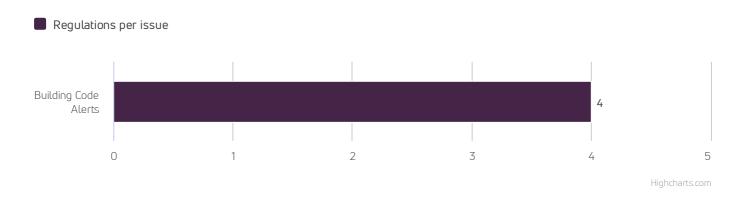
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## Building Codes Legislative and Regulatory Alerts 2025.01.27

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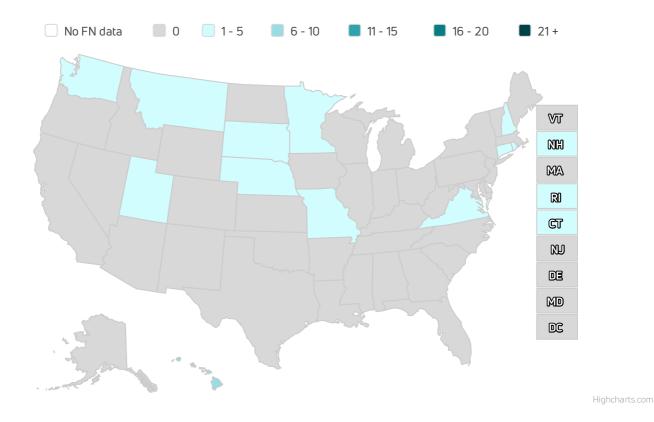


## Number of Regulations Per Issue



## **US Policy Map**

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**Building Code Alerts Bills** 

25 Bills

#### **SD SB 98**

**Title:** Update references in certain statutes to the 2024 standard building codes.

Current Status: Introduced

Introduction Date: January 24, 2025

Last Action Date: First Reading Senate S.J. 89. January 24, 2025

Summary: This bill updates references to adopt the 2024 edition of the International Building Code,

the International Property Maintenance Code, and the International Residential Code.

Location: US-SD

## CT HB 6618

**Title:** AN ACT REQUIRING THE DEVELOPMENT OF A STATE-WIDE BUILDING CODE CONSISTING OF MORE STRINGENT ENERGY-EFFICIENCY REQUIREMENTS THAT MAY BE ADOPTED BY TOWNS, CITIES OR BOROUGHS.

Current Status: Introduced

Introduction Date: January 24, 2025

**Last Action Date:** Referred to Joint Committee on Public Safety and Security. January 24, 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 with stricter energy-efficiency standards than the

current State Building Code. The code may be adopted by municipalities and must be developed with input from the public and stakeholders.

Location: US-CT

### **UT HB 313**

Title: State Construction and Electrical Standards Amendments

**Current Status:** Introduced

Introduction Date: January 24, 2025

**Last Action Date:** House/ 1st reading (Introduced): House Rules Committee. January 24, 2025 **Summary:** This bill modifies the State Construction Code in Utah to align with updated standards from the International Residential Code (IRC) and the National Electric Code (NEC). It includes amendments that incorporate the 2021 editions of various construction codes, such as the International Building Code and the International Plumbing Code, as well as the 2023 edition of the NEC.

Location: US-UT

## **NE LB 611**

Title: LB611 - Adopt updates to building and energy codes

**Current Status:** Introduced

Introduction Date: January 22, 2025

Last Action Date: Referred to Urban Affairs Committee. January 24, 2025

**Summary:** This bill requires the adoption of updated building and energy codes in Nebraska. It amends several sections of existing statutes to incorporate the 2021 editions of the International Building Code, International Residential Code, International Existing Building Code, and the Uniform Plumbing Code, while also maintaining certain provisions from the 2018 editions. The state building code will now include minimum standards for radon-resistant construction and will apply uniformly across counties, cities, and villages unless local codes are adopted within two years of state updates.

Location: US-NE

## **NE LB 531**

**Title:** LB531 - Provide an exception to the requirement that buildings constructed with state funds comply with the 2018 International Energy Conservation Code

Current Status: Introduced

Introduction Date: January 22, 2025

Last Action Date: Referred to Urban Affairs Committee. January 24, 2025

**Summary:** This bill amends existing Nebraska statutes related to building codes, specifically concerning the requirements for projects funded by the Affordable Housing Trust Fund. It provides an exception to the mandate that buildings constructed with state funds must comply with the 2018

International Energy Conservation Code. Under this legislation, the Department of Economic Development is prohibited from enforcing compliance with this energy code for new construction or rental conversion projects that receive funding from the Affordable Housing Trust Fund.

Location: US-NE

### HI SB 120

**Title:** Relating To Building Codes.

Current Status: Introduced

Introduction Date: January 15, 2025

Last Action Date: The committee on PSM deferred the measure.. January 24, 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

### **HISB 48**

Title: Relating To The State Building Code Council.

Current Status: Introduced

Introduction Date: January 15, 2025

Last Action Date: The committee on PSM deferred the measure.. January 24, 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

## MTSB 213

Title: Revise the state building code to allow single stairwells in certain buildings

Current Status: Introduced

Introduction Date: September 27, 2024

Last Action Date: (LC) Draft Ready for Delivery. January 24, 2025

Summary: This bill revise the state building code to allow single stairwells in certain buildings.

Location: US-MT

#### HISB 1540

**Title:** Relating To Building Codes.

**Current Status:** Introduced

Introduction Date: January 23, 2025

Last Action Date: Introduced and passed First Reading.. January 23, 2025

**Summary:** This bill requires that beginning January 1, 2028, the most recent Hawaii state building codes adopted by the state building code council will supersede all existing county building codes. The bill establishes that counties may amend these state building codes within their jurisdictions, but they can only do so by removing requirements or adding new ones with prior approval from the council. Additionally, the bill repeals the previous authority of counties to adopt, amend, 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: Referred to PSM, WAM.. January 23, 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

## HISB 632

Title: Relating To The State Building Code.

Current Status: Introduced

Introduction Date: January 17, 2025

Last Action Date: Referred to PSM, WAM.. January 23, 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

Title: prohibiting municipal amendments to the state building code.

**Current Status:** Introduced

Introduction Date: January 22, 2025

Last Action Date: Hearing: 01/29/2025, Room 103, SH, 09:30 am; SC 7. January 23, 2025

Summary: This bill prohibits all local legislative bodies from adopting any new regulations that

differ from the state building code.

Location: US-NH

#### **NH HB 428**

Title: prohibiting municipal amendments to the state building code.

Current Status: Introduced

Introduction Date: January 10, 2025

**Last Action Date:** Subcommittee Work Session: 01/28/2025 10:15 am LOB 104. January 23, 2025 **Summary:** This bill prohibits local legislative bodies from making any amendments to the state

building code. **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:** Subcommittee Work Session: 01/28/2025 10:15 am LOB 104. January 23, 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:** Subcommittee Work Session: 01/28/2025 10:15 am LOB 104. January 23, 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

## **RI HB 5100**

Title: An Act Relating To Health And Safety -- State Building Code -- Administration And Enforcement (Authorizes Municipalities To Make An Emergency Declaration Under Limited Circumstances To Allow For The Construction And Use Of Save Units On A Temporary Basis Which Have Specialized Requirements And Exemptions From The State Fire And Building Codes.)

Current Status: Introduced

Introduction Date: January 22, 2025

Last Action Date: Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government & Housing. January 22, 2025 Summary: This act would authorize municipalities to make an emergency declaration under limited circumstances to allow for the construction and use of SAVE Units on a temporary basis which have specialized requirements and exemptions from the state fire and building codes. This act would also include a provision for reports to be provided to the governor, the speaker of the house and the president of the senate regarding the nature of the emergency and the number of individuals served by SAVE Units.

Location: US-RI

## WASB 5429

**Title:** Concerning membership in the state building code council.

Current Status: Introduced

Introduction Date: January 22, 2025

Last Action Date: First reading, referred to Local Government.. January 22, 2025

Summary: This bill amends the membership structure of the state building code council in Washington, expanding its composition and specifying the qualifications for its members. The council will now consist of 21 members, including representatives from various sectors such as local government, construction, engineering, and real estate, with specific requirements based on population size and industry specialization.

Location: US-WA

## MO HB 939

Title: BUILDING CODES Current Status: Introduced

Introduction Date: January 16, 2025

Last Action Date: Referred: Commerce(H). January 22, 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

#### HI HB 745

**Title:** Relating To Building Codes.

Current Status: Introduced

Introduction Date: January 21, 2025

Last Action Date: Referred to HSG, JHA, FIN, referral sheet 2. January 21, 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

#### 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

## HI HB 356

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

Current Status: Introduced

Introduction Date: January 17, 2025

Last Action Date: Referred to HSG, PBS, FIN, referral sheet 1. January 21, 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

## **UT HB 175**

Title: Housing Construction Amendments

**Current Status:** Introduced

Introduction Date: January 10, 2025

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

### HI HB 1

**Title:** Relating To Building Codes.

Current Status: Introduced

Introduction Date: January 08, 2025

Last Action Date: Referred to HSG, CPC, FIN, referral sheet 1. January 21, 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

## 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

#### **Building Code Alerts Regulations**

4 Regulations

# Request For Comments For Possible Amendment To Rules Governing The Minnesota Accessibility Code

Type: Notice

Agency: Department of Labor and Industry

Publication Date: Jan 21, 2025

**Summary:** The Minnesota Department of Labor and Industry requests comments on its possible rule amendments that incorporate by reference chapter 11 of the 2024 edition of the International Building Code ("IBC") with amendments, section 306 of the 2024 edition of the International Existing Building Code ("IEBC") with amendments, and the 2017 edition of the International Code Council A117.1 Standard for Accessible and Usable Buildings and Facilities ("ICC A117.1"), with amendments. The Department is also considering any other amendments necessary to administer and enforce the Minnesota Accessibility Code.

Location: US-MN

# Request For Comments For Possible Amendment To Rules Governing The Adoption Of The International Existing Building Code

**Type:** Notice

Agency: Department of Labor and Industry

Publication Date: Jan 21, 2025

**Summary:** The Minnesota Department of Labor and Industry requests comments on its possible rule amendments that incorporate by reference the 2024 edition of the International Existing Building Code ("IEBC") with amendments, and any other amendments necessary to administer and enforce the code for rehabilitation of existing buildings.

Location: US-MN

# Request For Comments For Possible Amendment To Rules Governing The Adoption Of The International Building Code

Type: Notice

Agency: Department of Labor and Industry

Publication Date: Jan 21, 2025

**Summary:** The Minnesota Department of Labor and Industry requests comments on its possible rule amendments that incorporate by reference the 2024 edition of the International Building Code ("IBC") with amendments, and any other amendments necessary to administer and enforce the code requirements for non-residential construction.

Location: US-MN

# Request For Comments For Possible Amendment To Rules Governing Administration Of The State Building Code, Building Official Certification And Education, Construction Approvals, And Minnesota Provisions

Type: Notice

Agency: Department of Labor and Industry

Publication Date: Jan 21, 2025

**Summary:** The Minnesota Department of Labor and Industry requests comments on its possible rule amendments to the administrative provisions of the Minnesota State Building Code, including building official certification and education, construction approvals for buildings and structures for which the Department provides code administration and enforcement, and Minnesota provisions. The Department is considering rule amendments to coordinate the administrative chapters with the other rules chapters that comprise the Minnesota State Building Code, and other amendments necessary to administer the State Building Code in Minnesota.

Location: US-MN