Building Code Alerts - February 24th, 2025 **FiscalNote**



Upcoming Code Body Meetings

State	Body	Date	Formula
Minnesota	Minnesota Residential Energy Code TAG Meeting	2/24/2025	<u>Info</u>
Hawaii	Hawaii State Fire Council Special Meeting	2/25/2025	<u>Info</u>
California	California Building Standards Commission Meeting	2/26/2025	<u>Info</u>
Colorado	Colorado State Plumbing Board Meeting	2/26/2025	<u>Info</u>
California	California Building Standards Commission Meeting	2/27/2025	<u>Info</u>
Washington	Washington State Building Code Council Energy Code TAG Meeting	2/27/2025	<u>Info</u>
Ohio	Ohio Board of Building Standards Code Committee 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>
Wisconsin	Wisconsin Plumbing Code Advisory Committee Meeting	2/28/2025	<u>Info</u>
Washington	Washington State Building Code Council Energy Code TAG Meeting	2/28/2025	<u>Info</u>
Wisconsin	Wisconsin State Plumbing Code Advisory Committee Meeting	2/28/2025	<u>Info</u>
Ohio	Ohio Board of Building Standards Conference Meeting	2/28/2025	<u>Info</u>
Oklahoma	Oklahoma Uniform Building Code Commission Residential Building Technical Code Review Committee Meeting	3/6/2025	<u>Info</u>
Utah	Utah Fire Prevention Board Meeting	3/11/2025	<u>Info</u>
California	2025 CEC / EPRI Electrification Summit	3/11/2025	<u>Info</u>
Florida	Florida Building Commission Hurricane Research Advisory Committee Meeting	3/11/2025	<u>Info</u>
Idaho	Idaho Building Code Board Public Hearing	3/20/2025	<u>Info</u>

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Building

State	Date	Title
		Florida Building Commission's Hurricane Research Advisory
Florida	3/11/2025	Workgroup Reviews FY 2024/2025 Research Plan and Next Steps

The Florida Building Commission's Hurricane Research Advisory Workgroup will meet to approve procedural topics, review and approve the FY 2024/2025 research work plan, and evaluate a research project.

State	Date	Title
		Ohio Code Committee to Review Residential Construction Recommendations and Public Comments on 2024 Building Code
Ohio	2/27/2025	<u>Amendments</u>

The Ohio Board of Building Standards Code Committee will review recommendations from the Residential Construction Advisory Committee and discuss public comments on the 2024 Ohio Building, Mechanical, and Plumbing Code Amendments Package.

State	Date	Title
		Ohio Board of Building Standards to Discuss Committee Reports,
		Accreditation, Code Amendments, and eNotification
Ohio	2/28/2025	<u>Implementation</u>

The Ohio Board of Building Standards' meeting agenda includes committee reports on certification, education, and code, as well as ratifying accreditation bodies and industry certification programs. There will be updates on building department oversight, pending litigation, and public comments, followed by a discussion on initiating eNotification and filing proposed amendments to the Ohio Building, Mechanical, and Plumbing Codes.

Energy

State	Date	Title
		Washington State Energy Code Council Meeting Review of
Washington	2/27/2025	Integrated Draft 2024 WSEC

The Washington State Residential Energy Code Technical Advisory Group will meet virtually on February 27, 2025, to review the timeline and adoption process for the 2024 Washington State Energy Code (WSEC) – Residential, and to review and approve the integrated draft of the code. The meeting will also include discussions on the meeting schedule and other related expectations.

State	Date	Title
		Washington State Building Code Commercial Energy Code TAG
Washington	2/28/2025	meeting

The Washington State Building Code Council's Energy Code TAG meeting on February 28, 2025, will discuss proposed changes to energy code sections. Key proposals include removing fossil fuel requirements and adjusting credits for buildings using heat pumps. Other changes involve adding exceptions for certain heating systems and allowing fossil fuel heating in specific cases, among other proposed provisions.

Fire

State	Date	Title
		Hawaii State Fire Council to Review Fire-Related Bills, Including
Hawaii	2/25/2025	State Building Code Oversight Changes

The Hawaii State Fire Council will meet on February 25, 2025, to discuss the State Fire Marshal appointment process and fire-related legislative measures. Among the bills under consideration, HB 1 proposes amendments to the State Building Code Council's responsibilities but was deferred by the House Committee on Housing. HB 745 seeks to make state building codes adopted by the State Building Code Council supersede county codes beginning in 2028, requiring counties to obtain prior approval for any modifications, while HB 367, which allows for certain building permit exemptions, has raised concerns about potential misuse.

Plumbing

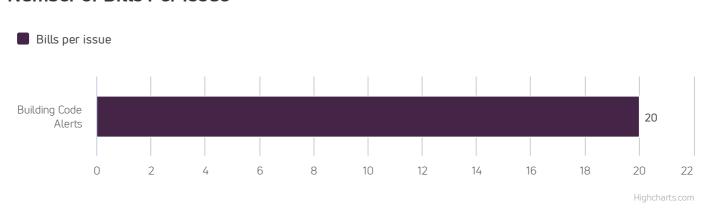
State	Date	Title
		Wisconsin Plumbing Code Advisory Board to Discuss Code Updates,
Wisconsin	2/28/2025	Officer Elections, and Rulemaking

The Wisconsin Plumbing Code Advisory Board meeting agenda includes administrative updates, election of officers, and recognition of resigning committee members. Key discussion topics include proposed updates to SPS Plumbing Code rules, review of Table 384.11, and pending rulemaking items, along with legislative and policy considerations.

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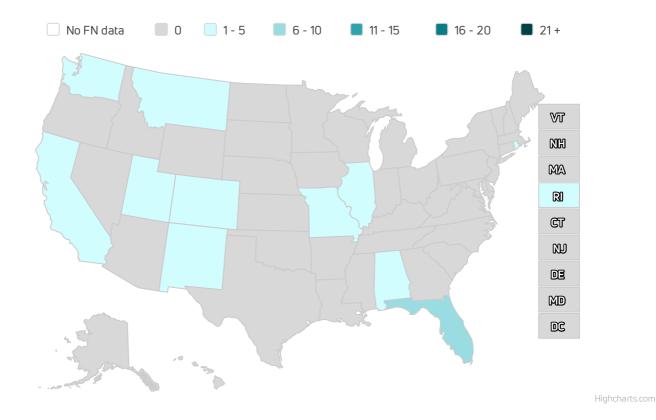


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US Policy Map

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



Building Code Alerts Bills

20 Bills

UT HB 313

Title: State Construction and Electrical Standards Amendments

Current Status: Considering

Introduction Date: January 24, 2025

Last Action Date: Senate Comm - Favorable Recommendation : Senate Economic Development and

Workforce Services Committee. February 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

UT HB 175

Title: Housing Construction Amendments

Current Status: Considering

Introduction Date: January 21, 2025

Last Action Date: Draft of Enrolled Bill Prepared. February 24, 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

MTSB 213

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

Current Status: Considering

Introduction Date: January 27, 2025

Last Action Date: (H) First Reading. February 22, 2025

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

Location: US-MT

RISB350

Title: An Act Relating To Health And Safety -- State Building Code (Defines A Quorum Of The Building Code Standards Committee Be A Majority Of The Current Board Members And Amends The State Building Code To Require That Sections Provide That Dwelling Units From One To Four (4) Units Use The International Residential Code.)

Current Status: Introduced

Introduction Date: February 21, 2025

Last Action Date: Introduced, referred to Senate Housing and Municipal Government. February 21,

2025

Summary: This bill would define a quorum of the building code standards committee to be a majority of the current board members, provide for prompt adoption and enforcement of updated building codes, amend the state building code to require that sections provide that dwelling units from one to four units use the 2024 and subsequent versions of the international residential code and that multiple dwellings with more than four units, hotels and motels use the 2024 and subsequent versions of the commercial international building code, and expand the additional levy on residential permits for one and two family dwellings to three and four unit dwellings. This act would take effect upon passage.

Location: US-RI

CASB655

Title: Residential buildings: indoor temperature.

Current Status: Introduced

Introduction Date: February 20, 2025

Last Action Date: From printer. May be acted upon on or after March 23.. February 21, 2025

Summary: This bill mandates updates to California's energy code by requiring the California Building Standards Commission to adopt passive and active cooling strategies to maintain a maximum indoor

temperature of 82°F in new residential buildings by July 1, 2026. It also directs the Department of Housing and Community Development to develop a load calculation methodology for heating and cooling in all climate zones. These updates will be incorporated into the next triennial California Building Standards Code update and reported to the Legislature by January 1, 2027.

Location: US-CA

WASB 5552

Title: Concerning the creation of building codes for kit homes.

Current Status: Introduced

Introduction Date: January 28, 2025

Last Action Date: Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.. February 21, 2025

Summary: This bill provides that the state building code council is instructed to perform rule making on the state building codes applicable to kit homes no later than December 31, 2025. These codes must not impose costs greater than \$150 per square foot to the original home buyer. The state building code council may update the state building codes applicable to kit homes.

Location: US-WA

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: Proposed Substitute. February 21, 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

FLSB570

Title: Swimming Pool and Spa Contractors

Current Status: Introduced

Introduction Date: February 10, 2025

Last Action Date: Referred to Regulated Industries; Community Affairs; Rules. February 20, 2025

Summary: The bill revises the definitions and scope of work for swimming pool and spa contractors, expanding the permitted work for commercial and residential pool/spa contractors to include the renovation, remodeling, and servicing of splash pads, interactive water features, and associated equipment. It also clarifies the scope of work for swimming pool/spa servicing contractors, allowing them to perform specific electrical connections, install bonding and lighting, construct protective equipment enclosures, excavate, apply interior finishes, and install or replace piping, tile, and coping. However, the bill removes certain tasks from the scope of work for servicing contractors, including the installation of new pool/spa equipment, interior finishes, package pool heaters, perimeter and filter piping, and equipment rooms, while also prohibiting them from upgrading dedicated electrical disconnects or circuits.

Location: US-FL

MO HB 939

Title: BUILDING CODES **Current Status:** Introduced

Introduction Date: January 16, 2025

Last Action Date: Reported Do Pass (H). February 20, 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

CO HB 25-1030

Title: Accessibility Standards in Building Codes

Current Status: Considering

Introduction Date: January 08, 2025

Last Action Date: Senate Committee on Local Government & Housing Refer Amended to Senate

Committee of the Whole. February 20, 2025

Summary: This bill requires a local government that adopts or substantially amends a building code to ensure that the building code meets or exceeds the accessibility standards in international building codes. The bill also requires the state housing board to ensure that, when the recommendations for uniform housing standards and building codes to the general assembly and local governments are substantially updated, the codes meet or exceed the accessibility standards in international building codes.

Location: US-CO

UTHB48

Title: Wildland Urban Interface Modifications

Current Status: Considering

Introduction Date: January 21, 2025

Last Action Date: Senate/ placed on 3rd Reading Calendar table. February 20, 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

NM SB 451

Title: MINIMUM BUILDING CODE REQUIREMENTS

Current Status: Introduced

Introduction Date: February 19, 2025

Last Action Date: Sent to STBTC - Referrals: STBTC/SJC. February 19, 2025

Summary: This bill amends the duties of the Construction Industries Division within the Regulation and Licensing Department of New Mexico, specifically regarding contractor licensing and building code requirements. The bill mandates that all building codes must align with the most recent revisions of the International Building Code within twenty-four months of their promulgation, unless exceptions are made by specific trade bureaus.

Location: US-NM

CO HB 25-1273

Title: Residential Building Stair Modernization

Current Status: Introduced

Introduction Date: February 19, 2025

Last Action Date: Introduced In House - Assigned to Transportation, Housing & Local Government.

February 19, 2025

Summary: This bill requires certain municipalities in Colorado, specifically those with a population of 100,000 or more that are served by an accredited fire protection district or fire department, to modify their building codes by December 1, 2027. The modification will allow multifamily residential buildings of up to five stories to be served by a single exit, provided they meet specific safety conditions. These conditions include the installation of an automatic sprinkler system, limitations on travel distance to the exit, and various fire protection measures.

Location: US-CO

FL HB 707

Title: Building Regulation **Current Status:** Introduced

Introduction Date: February 19, 2025 Last Action Date: Filed. February 19, 2025

Summary: This bill modifies the exemption criteria for continuing education, allows individuals to apply for various self-selectable categories of plan examiner positions, and includes new amendments to eligibility for inspector certifications. It also sets up new specifications for internships under the Florida Building Code Administrators and Inspectors Board. It allows property owners (excluding corporations) to apply and sign for building permits either physically or virtually and exempts them from certain requirements.

Location: US-FL

CO SB 25-141

Title: Municipal Government Exemption from Energy Code Requirements

Current Status: Introduced

Introduction Date: February 05, 2025

Last Action Date: Senate Committee on Transportation & Energy Refer Unamended to Senate

Committee of the Whole. February 19, 2025

Summary: Under current law, every governing body of a municipality that has adopted and enforced a building code after July 1, 2023, is required to adopt and begin enforcing an energy code for residential buildings. The bill creates an exemption for municipalities with a population of less than 2,500 residents from having to adopt and enforce an energy code for residential buildings.

Location: US-CO

FLSB838

Title: Florida Building Code **Current Status:** Introduced

Introduction Date: February 18, 2025 Last Action Date: Filed. February 18, 2025

Summary: The bill prohibits local governments from adopting lookback ordinances for substantial

improvements or repairs more stringent than the Florida Building Code and voids any such

ordinances adopted before a specified date.

Location: US-FL

FL HB 695

Title: Private Provider Building Inspection Services

Current Status: Introduced

Introduction Date: February 18, 2025
Last Action Date: Filed. February 18, 2025

Summary: The bill revises the membership of the Florida Building Code Administrators & Inspectors

Board and Florida Building Commission and updates provisions related to private provider

inspection services, including responsibilities, fees, permit issuance, authority, documentation, and

creation of a uniform permitting system.

Location: US-FL

IL HB 3510

Title: Building-Stretch Codes **Current Status:** Introduced

Introduction Date: February 07, 2025

Last Action Date: Referred to Rules Committee. February 18, 2025

Summary: This bill establishes the Illinois Stretch Energy Code to enhance energy efficiency standards for buildings in Illinois. Municipalities can adopt the code for more rigorous requirements for residential and commercial buildings, with deadlines for adoption and energy index targets outlined. Collaboration with the Illinois Energy Code Advisory Council ensures stakeholder input.

The initiative aims to boost energy efficiency in construction practices across the state.

Location: US-IL

AL HB 161

Title: Building codes; standardization of certain non-residential building codes, provided; practice architecture and duties of local building code officials, further provided

Current Status: Considering

Introduction Date: February 04, 2025

Last Action Date: Read for the first time and referred to the Senate Committee on County and

Municipal Government. February 18, 2025

Summary: The bill standardizes building codes statewide by placing adoption authority with the Division of Construction Management and expanding the state building code to include all non-residential buildings. It establishes a process for periodic code updates and allows coastal counties and municipalities to adopt supplemental codes for hurricane and erosion protection. Additionally, it clarifies the scope of architectural practice, the duties of local building officials, and introduces criminal penalties for violations.

Location: US-AL

WA HB 1254

Title: Implementing the International Wildland Urban Interface Code.

Current Status: Introduced

Introduction Date: January 10, 2025

Last Action Date: Referred to Rules 2 Review.. February 18, 2025

Summary: This bill requires the implementation of the International Wildland Urban Interface Code in Washington State, amending existing building codes to enhance fire safety in areas at risk of wildfires. It mandates that all counties and cities adopt this code, which includes specific construction standards aimed at improving ignition resistance for buildings in high-risk zones. Key provisions of the code include requirements for fire-resistant roofing, exterior wall materials, and the construction of driveways to ensure access for fire apparatus.

Location: US-WA

Building Code Alerts Regulations

3 Regulations

61G15-34.002

Title: Definitions

Type: Final

Citations: 61G15-34.002

Agency: Department of Business and Professional Regulation

Publication Date: Feb 18, 2025

Summary: This final rule outlines the definitions used in Florida's building codes and fire prevention

standards.

Location: US-FL

61G15-34.005

Title: Design Of Heat And Energy Transfer Systems

Type: Final

Citations: 61G15-34.005

Agency: Department of Business and Professional Regulation

Publication Date: Feb 18, 2025

Summary: The final rule 61G15-34.005 outlines design requirements for Heat and Energy Transfer Systems, specifying load characteristics, fluid types, pressure drops, and performance requirements, while referencing Florida Building and Fire Prevention Codes, as well as other applicable engineering standards. It details the documentation and design information necessary for system compliance, including equipment schedules, floor plans, piping layouts, fire protection systems, and energy conservation requirements.

Location: US-FL

61G15-34.007

Title: Design Of Plumbing Systems

Type: Final

Citations: 61G15-34.007

Agency: Department of Business and Professional Regulation

Publication Date: Feb 18, 2025

Summary: The final rule outlines requirements for designing plumbing systems, including considerations for load characteristics, distribution, performance, and installation based on Florida Building and Fire Prevention Codes, as well as applicable engineering standards. It specifies documentation and design information needed for both exempt and non-exempt plumbing systems, including floor plans, equipment schedules, pipe sizing, and compliance with accessibility and safety standards.

Location: US-FL