Building Code Alerts - March 31st, 2025



Upcoming Code Body Meetings

State	Body	Date	Formula
Florida	Florida Building Commission Product Approval Program Oversight Committee Meeting	3/31/2025	<u>Info</u>
Indiana	Indiana Fire Prevention and Building Safety Commission Meeting	4/1/2025	<u>Info</u>
Minnesota	Minnesota UPC Ad Hoc Rulemaking Committee Meeting	4/2/2025	<u>Info</u>
West Virginia	West Virginia State Fire Commission Meeting	4/3/2025	<u>Info</u>
Washington	TAG Meeting Commercial Energy Code	4/4/2025	<u>Info</u>
Wisconsin	Wisconsin Plumbing Code Advisory Committee Meeting	4/4/2025	<u>Info</u>
Minnesota	Minnesota Board of Electricity Meeting	4/8/2025	<u>Info</u>
Oregon	Oregon Energy Advisory Work Group Meeting	4/10/2025	<u>Info</u>
California	California Energy Commission Business Meeting	4/10/2025	<u>Info</u>
Idaho	Idaho Building Code Board Meeting	4/15/2025	<u>Info</u>
South Dakota	South Dakota Plumbing Commission Meeting	4/24/2025	<u>Info</u>
Florida	Florida Building Code Administrators and Inspectors Board Meeting	4/24/2025	<u>Info</u>
ICC	ICC Leadership Week and 2025 Committee Action Hearings Group B #1	4/26/2025	<u>Info</u>

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Misc.

State	Date	Title
North		North Dakota Begins 2024 Building Code Update Process, Seeks
Dakota	3/31/2025	Stakeholder Input

The North Dakota Division of Community Services (DCS) is initiating the process to update the State Building Code by reviewing and considering amendments to the 2024 editions of the International Building, Residential, Mechanical, Fuel Gas, Energy Conservation, and Existing Building Codes. Stakeholders can participate by submitting proposed amendments by April 28, 2025, for consideration at the May 22nd Building Code Advisory Committee meeting, with late submissions reviewed during a public hearing on July 15th. The process includes opportunities for public review, feedback, and voting by eligible jurisdictions, culminating in the adoption of the updated code, which will take effect on January 1, 2026.

State	Date	Title
Ohio		Ohio Residential Construction Advisory Committee to Review NEC Updates and 2024 Code Changes on April 2

The Ohio Residential Construction Advisory Committee will meet on April 2, 2025, to review the January 29 meeting minutes and discuss emergency disconnect requirements under NEC 230.85(C). The committee will also address interpretations of fan box installation and smoke alarm technologies, along with general code updates. Additionally, members will review Chapter 11 of the 2024 International Residential Code (IRC) and provide an overview of the 2024 International Energy Conservation Code (IECC).

Energy

State	Date	Title
Oregon		Oregon Adopts 2025 Commercial Reach Code to Boost Energy Efficiency by Up to 10%

The Oregon Building Codes Division has adopted the 2025 Oregon Commercial Reach Code, an optional set of statewide construction standards aimed at improving energy efficiency. This code is designed to achieve 5-10% better performance than the 2025 Oregon Energy Efficiency Specialty Code (OEESC) for structures regulated by the Oregon Structural Specialty Code (OSSC). The new standards take effect on April 1, 2025.

Plumbing

State	Date	Title
		Wisconsin Plumbing Code Advisory Committee to Discuss Rule
Wisconsin	4/4/2025	<u>Updates</u>

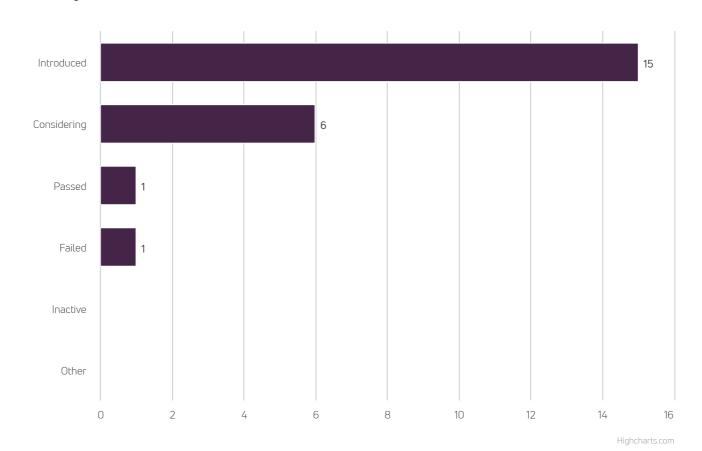
The Wisconsin Plumbing Code Advisory Committee will meet virtually on April 4, 2025, to discuss administrative matters, including staff updates and the election of officers, as well as legislative and policy issues. The committee will also review proposed updates to SPS rules related to plumbing regulations.

FiscalNote

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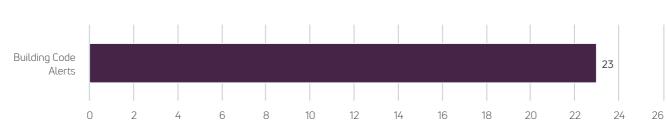
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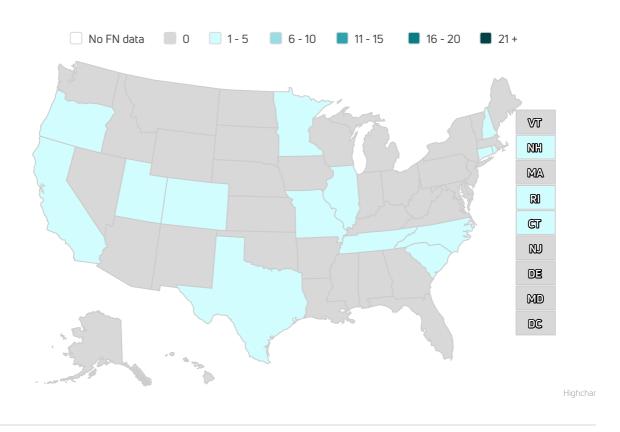
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US Policy Map

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

23 Bills

MO HB 939

Title: BUILDING CODES **Current Status:** Considering

Introduction Date: January 16, 2025

Last Action Date: Public Hearing Scheduled (S). March 28, 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 SB 25-002

Title: Regional Building Codes for Factory-Built Structures

Current Status: Introduced

Introduction Date: January 08, 2025

Last Action Date: Senate Second Reading Passed with Amendments - Committee, Floor. March

28, 2025

Summary: This bill provides that on or before July 1, 2026, the advisory committee on factory-built structures is required to develop regional building codes for factory-built structures and implementation requirements and submit the recommended codes to the board. The board must adopt rules implementing regional building code recommendations from the advisory committee that account for local climatic and geographic conditions for the construction and installation of factory-built structures, which supersede any conflicting ordinance, code, regulation, or other law of a local government unless the local government adopts the rules of the board, covering the implementation requirements developed by the advisory committee, covering electrical, plumbing, or fire suppression activity required to undertake or complete the construction or installation of a factory-built structure, and allowing the division to contract for third-party review and approval of a final design plan for a factory-built structure on behalf of the division.

Location: US-CO

NHSB95

Title: (New Title) relative to youth recreation camp cabins and the state building and fire codes.

Current Status: Considering

Introduction Date: January 22, 2025

Last Action Date: Introduced (in recess of) 03/27/2025 and referred to Executive Departments

and Administration HJ 11. March 28, 2025

Summary: This bill establishes specific requirements for summer camp cabins in New Hampshire, amending the state building code to provide clarity and exemptions for these structures. The cabins must be equipped with smoke detectors and handheld fire extinguishers, but sprinkler systems are not mandated.

Location: US-NH

NH SB 94

Title: prohibiting municipal amendments to the state building code.

Current Status: Considering

Introduction Date: January 22, 2025

Last Action Date: Introduced (in recess of) 03/27/2025 and referred to Executive Departments

and Administration HJ 11. March 28, 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: Considering

Introduction Date: January 10, 2025

Last Action Date: Introduced 03/27/2025 and Referred to Executive Departments and

Administration; SJ 10. March 28, 2025

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

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

SC H 4266

Title: Building codes

Current Status: Introduced

Introduction Date: March 27, 2025

Last Action Date: Referred to Committee on Labor, Commerce and Industry (House Journal-page

19). March 27, 2025

Summary: This bill amends the South Carolina Code of Laws to enhance the regulatory framework governing building codes, particularly in relation to local modifications based on physical and climatological conditions. It introduces definitions for key terms, including "climatological" and "physical," which pertain to local weather patterns and land characteristics, respectively. The bill requires the South Carolina Building Codes Council to promulgate regulations that align with the provisions of Chapter 9, Title 6, ensuring that any amendments to building codes affecting one-family or two-family dwellings are consistent with these regulations. Notably, it stipulates that local jurisdictions can request modifications to building codes when local conditions warrant such changes, and the council must grant these modifications if specific criteria are met.

Location: US-SC

RI HB 5846

Title: An Act Relating To Health And Safety -- State Building Code (Establish A Moratorium On Changes To The State Energy Conservation Code From The 2024 International Energy

Conservation Code Until January 1, 2030, Unless Approved By The Legislature And Made

Effective By The Governor.) **Current Status:** Introduced

Introduction Date: February 28, 2025

Last Action Date: Committee recommends passage. March 27, 2025

Summary: This act would establish a moratorium on changes to the state energy conservation code from the 2024 International Energy Conservation Code until January 1, 2030, unless

approved by the legislature and made effective by the governor.

Location: US-RI

MO SB 743

Title: Establishes the "Missouri Building Codes Act"

Current Status: Introduced

Introduction Date: February 24, 2025

Last Action Date: Second Read and Referred S General Laws Committee. March 27, 2025 **Summary:** This bill requires the establishment of updated building codes in Missouri, known as

the "Missouri Building Codes Act," which will take effect for new state facilities constructed on or after August 28, 2025. The bill repeals the existing section 67.280 and enacts new sections that outline the standards for building construction, inspections, and the creation of a Missouri Building Codes Commission. The new building codes will encompass various aspects of construction, including building, electrical, energy, fire, mechanical, plumbing, and residential codes, and will incorporate model codes from recognized organizations. The Missouri Building Codes Commission will oversee the implementation of these codes, which must be adopted by local authorities by August 28, 2027.

Location: US-MO

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: Committee recommended measure be held for further study. March 27, 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

RISB 275

Title: An Act Relating To Health And Safety -- State Building Code -- Rhode Island Inclusive Home Design Act (Establishes A New Article In The State Building Code That Provides That Certain New Housing Construction Contain At Least One Floor That Meets The Requirements For A Type C "Ansi" Standards For Accessible And Usable Buildings And Facilities.)

Current Status: Introduced

Introduction Date: February 13, 2025

Last Action Date: Committee recommended measure be held for further study. March 27, 2025 **Summary:** This bill amends the state building code to require that covered dwelling units receiving federal, state, or local financial assistance meet ANSI Type C (Visitable) accessibility standards. It applies to newly constructed or substantially rehabilitated single-family homes, townhouses, and ground-floor or elevator-accessible units, ensuring at least one accessible level. The law includes enforcement provisions, a waiver process for undue burden, and penalties for noncompliance, including civil damages and potential loss of financial assistance.

Location: US-RI

CT SB 1240

Title: AN ACT CONCERNING THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE CODES AND STANDARDS COMMITTEE.

Current Status: Introduced

Introduction Date: February 05, 2025

Last Action Date: Referred to Office of Legislative Research and Office of Fiscal Analysis

04/01/25 5:00 PM (LCO). March 27, 2025

Summary: This bill modifies the membership structure of the Codes and Standards Committee within the Department of Administrative Services. It reduces the total number of committee members from twenty-three to twenty, while also adjusting the specific professional qualifications required for membership.

Location: US-CT

TN HB 801

Title: Codes - As introduced, specifies that the International Energy Conservation Code's requirements for roof solar reflectance and thermal emittance for low-sloped roofs do not apply in this state. - Amends TCA Title 68, Chapter 120.

Current Status: Considering

Introduction Date: February 04, 2025

Last Action Date: Transmitted to Governor for his action.. March 27, 2025

Summary: This bill amends Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 68, Chapter 120, by adding a new subsection to Section 68-120-101. The amendment states that the roof solar reflectance and thermal emittance requirements of the International Energy Conservation Code, published by the International Code Council, will not apply to low-sloped roofs in Tennessee.

Location: US-TN

UT HB 313

Title: Construction Industry Amendments

Current Status: Passed

Introduction Date: January 24, 2025

Last Action Date: Governor Signed. March 27, 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

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: Considering

Introduction Date: January 13, 2025

Last Action Date: First reading. Referred to Speaker's desk.. March 27, 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

NC SB 492

Title: Single Stair Bldg. Code Reform.

Current Status: Introduced

Introduction Date: March 25, 2025

Last Action Date: Ref To Com On Rules and Operations of the Senate. March 26, 2025 **Summary:** This bill amends the North Carolina State Building Code to authorize the use of single-exit stairways in certain residential buildings classified as qualifying R-2 buildings. These

buildings must contain between five and 32 dwelling units, be no taller than 75 feet, and be located on an individual lot. The bill outlines specific requirements for both mid-rise and low-rise single-exit buildings, including fire-resistance ratings and the installation of automatic sprinkler systems.

Location: US-NC

CT HB 7119

Title: AN ACT CONCERNING THE STATE FIRE PREVENTION CODE, STATE FIRE SAFETY CODE, STATE BUILDING CODE AND ELEVATOR INSPECTIONS.

Current Status: Introduced

Introduction Date: February 27, 2025

Last Action Date: Referred to Office of Legislative Research and Office of Fiscal Analysis

03/31/25 5:00 PM (LCO). March 26, 2025

Summary: This bill mandates the development of a model ordinance by July 1, 2026, to establish energy-efficiency requirements for buildings that exceed those in the State Building Code. Local governments can adopt this ordinance, which will override the state energy-efficiency standards while maintaining the other provisions of the State Building Code.

Location: US-CT

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: Lay HB96 on Table (Rep. C. McGuire): MA RC 199-135 03/26/2025 HJ 10.

March 26, 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

CASB655

Title: Residential buildings: indoor temperature.

Current Status: Introduced

Introduction Date: February 20, 2025

Last Action Date: From committee with author's amendments. Read second time and amended.

Re-referred to Com. on HOUSING.. March 25, 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

IL HB 3510

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

Introduction Date: February 07, 2025

Last Action Date: Placed on Calendar Order of 3rd Reading - Short Debate. March 25, 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

CO SB 25-141

Title: Municipal Government Exemption from Energy Code Requirements

Current Status: Failed

Introduction Date: February 05, 2025

Last Action Date: House Committee on Transportation, Housing & Local Government Postpone

Indefinitely. March 25, 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

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: Left pending in committee. March 25, 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

MN HF 2721

Title: Fire life safety damper testing established relating to state fire code.

Current Status: Introduced

Introduction Date: March 24, 2025

Last Action Date: Introduction and first reading, referred to Public Safety Finance and Policy.

March 24, 2025

Summary: This bill establishes requirements for fire life safety damper testing and inspection in Minnesota, aiming to enhance fire safety in buildings equipped with such systems. It mandates that building owners implement a fire life safety damper and smoke control system inspection verification program to ensure these systems function properly to prevent the spread of fire and smoke. The bill outlines specific testing requirements for newly installed fire life safety dampers, which must undergo testing before use and periodic inspections thereafter. For most buildings, inspections are required once after the first year of installation and every four years thereafter, while hospitals have a different schedule of once every six years.

Location: US-MN

TN SB 1194

Title: Codes - As introduced, specifies that the International Energy Conservation Code's requirements for roof solar reflectance and thermal emittance for low-sloped roofs do not apply in this state. - Amends TCA Title 68, Chapter 120.

Current Status: Introduced

Introduction Date: February 06, 2025

Last Action Date: Companion House Bill substituted. March 24, 2025

Summary: This bill seeks to exempt low-sloped roofs from the solar reflectance and thermal

emittance requirements of the International Energy Conservation Code.

Location: US-TN

Building Code Alerts Regulations

2 Regulations

Public Hearing On 2024 International Codes And 2023 Electrical Code

Type: Notice

Agency: Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation

Publication Date: Mar 28, 2025

Summary: This regulation provides notice that a public hearing will be held on May 20, 2025, in the Midlands and Pee Dee Conference rooms in the Kingstree Building, 110 Centerview Drive, Columbia, SC 29210, at 10:30 A.M., at which time interested persons will be given the opportunity to appear and present views to the Council's appointed Study Committee on the building codes for use in the State of South Carolina.

Location: US-SC

2024 International Codes And 2023 National Electrical Code

Type: Notice

Agency: Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation

Publication Date: Mar 28, 2025

Summary: This regulation provides notice that the South Carolina Building Codes Council intends to modify and adopt various 2024 I-codes for use in the State of South Carolina.

Location: US-SC