

WSR 22-03-027  
PREPROPOSAL STATEMENT OF INQUIRY  
BUILDING CODE COUNCIL

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Subject of Possible Rule Making: Chapter 51-11R WAC, Adoption and amendment of the 2021 Washington State Energy Code, Residential.

Statutes Authorizing the Agency to Adopt Rules on this Subject: RCW 19.27A.020, 19.27A.160.

Reasons Why Rules on this Subject may be Needed and What They Might Accomplish: The state building code council (council) regularly reviews the Washington state building code, as outlined in chapter 51-04 WAC and RCW 19.27A.020, to evaluate revisions made to the codes by the national model code committees, and to consider proposals for statewide code amendments. Additionally, RCW 19.27A.160 directs the council to adopt energy codes that incrementally move towards achieving a 70 percent net energy consumption compared to the 2006 Washington State Energy Code. The estimated effective date of the 2021 codes is July 1, 2023.

Other Federal and State Agencies that Regulate this Subject and the Process Coordinating the Rule with These Agencies: Not applicable.

Process for Developing New Rule: Stakeholder and subject expert technical advisory group review.

Interested parties can participate in the decision to adopt the new rule and formulation of the proposed rule before publication by contacting Krista Braaksma, P.O. Box 41449, phone 360-407-9278, fax 360-586-9088, email [krista.braaksma@des.wa.gov](mailto:krista.braaksma@des.wa.gov), website [www.sbcc.wa.gov](http://www.sbcc.wa.gov).

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