

WSR 23-11-087
PREPROPOSAL STATEMENT OF INQUIRY
BUILDING CODE COUNCIL
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Subject of Possible Rule Making: Chapter 51-54A WAC, Amendments to the 2021 International Fire Code to modify Chapter 12 Energy Storage Systems and Chapter 80 Referenced Standards.

Statutes Authorizing the Agency to Adopt Rules on this Subject: RCW 19.27.031, 19.27.074.

Reasons Why Rules on this Subject may be Needed and What They Might Accomplish: The technology of energy storage systems is a rapidly evolving field, and provisions addressing technologies not included in the 2021 model code are available in the 2024 model code. It is the intent to incorporate the changes addressing additional technologies from the 2024 model code into the amendments made to the 2021 model code for life health and safety purposes.

Other Federal and State Agencies that Regulate this Subject and the Process Coordinating the Rule with These Agencies: Department of Energy, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission.

Process for Developing New Rule: Stakeholder and subject matter experts' 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 Dustin Curb, State Building Code Council Code Specialist, P.O. Box 41449, Olympia, WA 98504-1449, phone 360-972-4158, email dustin.curb@des.wa.gov, website www.sbcc.wa.gov.

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