

WSR 25-08-086
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 2024 Washington State Energy Code, residential.

Statutes Authorizing the Agency to Adopt Rules on this Subject: RCW 19.27A.015, 19.27A.045, and 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.015, to evaluate revisions made to the codes by the national model code committees, and to consider proposals for state wide 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 2024 codes is November 1, 2026.

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 State Building Code Council Staff, P.O. Box 41449, Olympia, WA 98504-1449, email sbcc@des.wa.gov, website www.sbcc.wa.gov.

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