

**2021 Legislative Session Bill Tracking Log
State Building Code Council
Bills of Interest**

Bill Number	Title	Sponsor	Description	Position	Committee/ Action	Impact on SBCC	Impact on Stakehold.
January 15, 2021							
HB 1050	Fluorinated gases	Fitzgibbon	Requires the Council to consider HFCs when adopting codes. Establishes a threshold for HFCs in refrigeration and directs Ecology to establish a management program. The bill will require various changes in the Mechanical Code. This can be done during the standard three year code cycle review, modification and implementation process.	Neutral – Monitor	H Env & Energy; Public hearing on January 15	No; changes to mechanical code can be done during the standard three year code cycle process.	Minor
HB 1084 Companion SB 5093	Building decarbonization AKA Healthy homes and clean buildings act	Ramel	Changes the statute to require a 70% reduction in net energy consumption by 2027 and eliminate on-site fossil fuel combustion for space and water heating. Energy reduction has been codified as a 70% reduction from 2006 by 2031. The Council has been working toward an incremental approach each three year code cycle. Going from 2031 to 2027 eliminates one cycle, compressing the financial impact for the remaining cycles.	Neutral – Monitor	H Env & Energy Public hearing on January 22	No; changes in the Energy Code can be done during the standard three year code cycle process.	Major
SB 5093 Companion HB 1084	Building decarbonization	Lias	Changes the statute to require a 70% reduction in net energy consumption by 2027 and eliminate on-site fossil fuel combustion for space and water heating.	Neutral – Monitor	S Env, Energy & Tech	No	Major
HB 1103	Building materials	Duerr (Prime), Shewmake	Requires that building materials used for government funded projects be rated (by the contractor) for environmental and societal costs. There is no direction/requirement for the SBCC	Neutral – Monitor	H Cap Budget First reading January 11	No	No

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HB 1150	Building code council membership	Hoff (Prime), Chapman	Adds the four legislative members as voting members while keeping the L&I rep as ex officio.	Neutral - Monitor	H Local Govt Public hearing January 19	Major	No
HB 1157	Housing supply	Bateman (Prime), Gilday	Increases housing supply through the growth management act and housing density tax incentives for local governments.	Neutral - Monitor	H Local Govt No change	No	No
HB 1180	Public testimony	Kraft	Allows agencies to hold virtual meetings and requiring time at every meeting for public testimony. The SBCC follows the same or similar procedures maintaining the same regulatory effect. During the pandemic, the SBCC has been successfully interacting with the public virtually, including the public testimony.	Neutral – Monitor	H Local Govt No change	No Provides more clarity and specificity for implementation	No
SB 5126	Washington Climate Commitment Act	Carlyle (Prime), Saldaña	Amends the Washington climate commitment act. It is a carbon cap bill that focuses on utilities and manufacturing and doesn't address the building codes or SBCC.	Neutral - Monitor	S Env, Energy & Public hearing January 19	No	No
HB 1192	Technical corrections	Goodman (Prime), Dufault	Makes technical corrections and removing obsolete language from the Revised Code of Washington pursuant to RCW 1.08.025	Monitor	H Civil R & Judi	No	No
SB 5221	Accessory dwelling units	Gildon (Prime), Lias	Addresses regulating accessory dwelling units located outside of urban growth areas. SB 5221 is a zoning bill that is refining previous legislation directing cities and counties to allow and encourage accessory dwelling units. Previously, many cities restricted the construction of such dwellings. This bill is adding some restrictions to the previous legislation.	Monitor	S Housing & Local	No	No

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HB 1184 Companion SB5087	On-site nonpotable water systems.	Duerr (Prime), Ramel, Dolan, Harris-Talley	Requires the department of health to consult and coordinate with SBCC when developing rules related to on-site nonpotable water systems and when developing the building code language. Although it is unclear at this time how the department of health is planning to coordinate and consult with SBCC, the mandates in this bill have potentially big impacts on SBCC normal course of business. The effective date (July 1, 2022) is unrealistic. Cross connection (contamination) is an issue.	Neutral/ Monitor	H Local Govt	Yes Fiscal impact above \$60,000	Yes
SB 5087 Companion HB1184	On-site nonpotable water systems.	Hasegawa (Prime), Wilson, C.	See HB 1184	Neutral	S Environment, E & Technology	Yes	Yes
HB 1280	Concerning greenhouse gas emissions reductions in the design of public facilities.	Ramel (Prime), Duerr	Addresses greenhouse gas emissions reductions in the design of public facilities, and is amending RCW 39.35.010, 39.35.020, 39.35.030, and 39.35.050. The language, as written, is irrelevant to the SBCC business.	Miss-assigned			
SB 5280	Administrative procedures	Wilson, J. (Prime), Fortunato	Narrows the rulemaking authority for state agencies, including the SBCC. Currently, code amendments remain valid for years unless modified in the future by the Council. The bill specifies that in those circumstances where an agency is authorized to write a rule, the rule expires on June 1 of the year following the adoption, unless the legislature postpones the expiration. This waiver would be required for nearly all of the SBCC rulemaking. This is a simplified version of SB1052 from the last session.	Neutral/ Monitor	S State Govt & E	Policy impact: Major Fiscal impact: less than \$50,000	Major The SBCC may not be able to meet its obligations under RCW 19.27 because the SBCC may lose flexibility and the ability to respond quickly to changing situations, which is typical in the building industry.

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HB 1187	Split ductless HVAC systems	Hoff (Prime), McEntire	Allows HVAC/refrigeration electricians to perform electrical work on split ductless HVAC systems. The bill adds two new sections to RCW 19.28 RCW. The appropriate entity is the Department of labor and industries.	Miss-assigned	H Labor & Workplace Standards	No	No
HB 1329	Public meeting accessibility and participation Washington state open public meetings act	Wicks (Prime), Harris-Talley, Lekanoff, Morgan, Fey, Lovick, Bateman, Shewmake, Wylie, Ryu, Taylor, J., Pollet, Peterson	Amends and adds new sections to RCW 42.30 (Open Public Meeting Act) pertaining to accessibility and participation	Under review	H Local Government	No	No