

International Residential Code Testimony Summaries

Date Received	Testimony From	Proposal(s)	Position	Summary	Staff Recommendation
10/3/2022	IRC Kevin Russell	IRC: 062, 091	Oppose	Testimony asserts that along with other code proposals these code proposals will increase the cost to build a new home and make housing affordability worse	For 091: RCW 19.27.074 (1) The state building code council shall: (a) Adopt and maintain the codes to which reference is made in RCW 19.27.031 in a status which is consistent with the state's interest as set forth in RCW 19.27.020. In maintaining these codes, the council shall regularly review updated versions of the codes referred to in RCW 19.27.031 and other pertinent information and <u>shall amend the codes as deemed appropriate by the council;</u>
10/3/2022	IRC Randall King	IRC: 062, 091	Oppose	Testimony asserts that along with other code proposals these code proposals will increase the cost to build a new home and make housing affordability worse	
10/4/2022	IRC Jerry Bird	IRC: 062, 091	Oppose	Testimony asserts that along with other code proposals these code proposals will increase the cost to build a new home and make housing affordability worse	
10/4/2022	IRC Mark Hedin	IRC: 062, 091	Oppose	Testimony asserts that along with other code proposals these code proposals will increase the cost to build a new home and make housing affordability worse	

10/5/2022	IRC Andrea Smith	IRC: 062, 091	Oppose / Modify	062: Range Hoods are in short supply and increased CFM rates will not necessarily improve indoor air quality. 091: This code belongs in the NEC. The SBCC does not have the authority to enact the requirement for EV circuits. The electrical grid cannot support the additional load.	
10/5/2022	IRC Jerad Rains	IRC: 062, 091	Oppose	Testimony asserts that along with other code proposals these code proposals will increase the cost to build a new home and make housing affordability worse	
10/5/2022	IRC Mascha Manietta	IRC: 062, 091	Oppose	Testimony asserts that along with other code proposals these code proposals will increase the cost to build a new home and make housing affordability worse	
10/5/2022	IRC Ray Klein	IRC: 062, 091	Oppose	Testimony asserts that along with other code proposals these code proposals will increase the cost to build a new home and make housing affordability worse	
10/5/2022	IRC Wendy Nearhoff	IRC: 062, 091	Oppose	Testimony asserts that along with other code proposals these code proposals will increase the cost to build a new home and make housing affordability worse	
10/11/2022	IRC Jeff Philipps	IRC 091	Oppose	This code package would increase the up-front cost of a new home by a minimum of \$24,070 and priceout 52,954 families from homeownership.	
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10/11/2022	IRC Senators	IRC 091	Oppose	21 Senators signed this letter. (1)State law does not authorize the Council to require dwellings regulated under the International Residential Code to be outfitted for electric vehicle charging. (2) Any policy on phasing out natural gas should be based on a specific grant of authority from the Legislature, not a broad and nonspecific goal pursued by the Council.	
10/13/2022	IRC Steve Yester	IRC 091	Oppose	This code package would increase the up-front cost of a new home by a minimum of \$24,070 and priceout 52,954 families from homeownership.	
10/13/2022	IRC Stevens County Commissioners	IRC 091	Oppose	This code belongs in the Electrical Code-managed by Labor & Industries and not the State Building Code Council-and not the Residential Code.	
10/13/2022	IRC Spokane Home Builders Association	IRC 091 (198 Signatures)	Oppose	State Building Code Council lacks the authority to develop this code. There is no legislative mandate to adopt an EV charging requirement in the Residential Code. A code of this nature belongs in the Electrical Code. Enforcement of this code, should it be adopted, would be impossible for most jurisdictions that do not have an electrical building official and/or inspector on staff.	
10/13/2022	IRC Caleb Stapp	IRC: 062, 091	Oppose	Proponent opposes both proposals on the grounds that the proposals make homes more expensive.	

10/14/2022	IRC Anjali Grant	IRC	Modify	Section 313 of Senate bill 5237 gives the Department of Children Youth and Families, or DCYF, flexibility to waive the 12-child limit on family home child care. The IRC (both state and local versions) State that having more than 12 children in a home is prohibited. DCYF regulations state the opposite. This conflict puts providers at risk and creates confusion.	Oral and written testimony was submitted. Discuss with Council; See Agenda Item #10
10/14/2022	IRC Jennifer Thomas	IRC 0091	Oppose	State Building Code Council lacks the authority to develop this code. There is no legislative mandate to adopt an EV charging requirement in the Residential Code. A code of this nature belongs in the Electrical Code. Enforcement of this code, should it be adopted, would be impossible for most jurisdictions that do not have an electrical building official and/or inspector on staff.	For 091: RCW 19.27.074 (1) The state building code council shall: (a) Adopt and maintain the codes to which reference is made in RCW 19.27.031 in a status which is consistent with the state's interest as set forth in RCW 19.27.020. In maintaining these codes, the council shall regularly review updated versions of the codes referred to in RCW 19.27.031 and other pertinent information and <u>shall amend the codes as deemed appropriate by the council;</u>
10/14/2022	IRC Jon Siu	IRC 003	Oppose	WABO opposes adoption of "plex structure" allowances in the 2021 Washington State IRC, as we believe the proposal will result in unsafe residential buildings. The proposal was disapproved by the IRC TAG and the BFP Committee, and we are asking for the SBCC to uphold those disapprovals.	This proposal was rejected and it is not part of the CR-102 submittal. The IRC TAG voted to disapprove the proposal, the BFP Committee and the Council accepted the TAG recommendation. The Council action posted on the website incorrectly showed "include in CR-102;" this is an oversight.

10/14/2022	IRC Micah Chappell	IRC 053	Modify	The proposed edits to CR102 incorporate public comments that were reviewed and approved last month at the 2024 Public Comment Hearings in Louisville. We propose pre-adoption of the following 2024 IRC code change proposals: RB7, RB8, RB162, RB163; RB206 and RB297.	Recommend proponent submit proposed modifications in a document showing changes in relation to filed CR-102. Use double-underline and double-strikethrough.
10/14/2022	IRC WABO	IRC 043	Modify	Since submitting the original proposal to the WSBCC, WABO submitted a similar proposal to ICC for inclusion in the 2024 IRC. During the ICC process WABO received feedback that we would like to see added to the original WABO code proposal that was submitted to the WSBCC.	Discuss with Standing Committee
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10/14/2022	WSEC-R Andrea Smith	IRC: 062, 091 (415 Signatures)	Oppose	Passing the Group 2 building code package with these code changes included will represent the country's most stringent and most expensive package of building codes. Altogether, this code package would increase the up-front cost of a new home by a minimum of \$24,070*. Over the lifetime of a mortgage, the home owner can expect to pay \$72,210 for these unfunded mandates.	

9/30/2022	Andrea Smith Oral Testimony BIAW	IRC 091	Oppose	SBCC lacks authority to adopt. No legislative intent. Code belongs in the NEC. Enforcement is impractical due to lack of qualified staff.	For 091: RCW 19.27.074 (1) The state building code council shall: (a) Adopt and maintain the codes to which reference is made in RCW 19.27.031 in a status which is consistent with the state's interest as set forth in RCW 19.27.020. In maintaining these codes, the council shall regularly review updated versions of the codes referred to in RCW 19.27.031 and other pertinent information and <u>shall amend the codes as deemed appropriate by the council;</u>
9/30/2022	Mike Moore Oral Testimony	IRC 062	Support	New requirements have been vetted in the industry. Compliant products are widely available, and increased costs and energy	
10/14/2022	Andrea Smith BIAW Oral Testimony	IRC	<u>Oppose</u>	Remove Section AF 104.1 Radon Testing Requirements.	AF 104.1 Radon Testing Requirements are new in the model code. The TAG recommended adoption of the model code with the existing state amendments; BFP and Council agreed with the recommendations. Appendix AF Radon Control Methods (WAC 51-51-60101 and WAC 51-51-60103) is not part of the initial proposals in CR-102. New WAC 51-51-60104 cannot be introduced directly in the CR-103.
10/14/2022	Ardel Jala Oral Testimony	IRC		Code Standards for existing buildings are needed in the IRC. Propose addition of provisions proposed for 2024 IRC.	