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See details below.

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SBCC Staff:

Not sure if the SBCC is still taking public comment on this topic that has been recently discussed. I wasn't able to attend all the meetings so this may have been addressed already.

This is just a reminder that the SBCC report should likely address the minimum federal requirements for the energy code.

Federal waivers may be required if the governor or legislature wants to look at lowering the standard below the federal energy code minimums which are currently:

- ASHRAE 90.1-2022
- 2024 IECC

[Model Energy Code Determinations | Building Energy Codes Program](#)

State Status:

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Note: there are separate pages for the Residential Buildings and Commercial Buildings.

Without a waiver or other federal acknowledgement, this could require an evaluation of the code

modifications for both commercial and residential buildings to ensure that the energy code is at least as stringent as the federal energy codes.

It is my general understanding that if these standards are not met then federal funding could potentially be withheld from the State of Washington.

Additionally, the federal energy code establishes minimum equipment efficiencies for all equipment sold within the US.

If an earlier version of the energy code was used for EP 26-03.1 then it may need to reference the latest federal energy code equipment efficiencies (90.1-2022 and 2024 IECC) to comply with the federal minimums without a waiver or other acknowledgement.

Recommend that the SBCC staff, SBCC members or others research this further and provide guidance in the report for Governors' Office, State Legislature, and Department of Commerce.

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