

Subject Creation of a voluntary stretch energy code

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Overview

Establishes a stretch energy code that conforms to Sustainable Building 2030 that could be voluntarily adopted by local jurisdictions.

Sustainable Building 2030 is a set of energy-efficiency performance standards that require, to the extent feasible and cost-effective, lowering a commercial, industrial, or institutional building's energy use a set percentage below that of the average building of that type in 2003. Currently Sustainable Building 2030 requires 70 percent less energy use than the 2003 baseline, which will become 80 percent less in 2020 and 90 percent less in 2025.

Summary

Section	Description
1	<p>Building performance standards; Sustainable Building 2030.</p> <p>Allows the Center for Sustainable Building Research to use up to \$150,000 (of the amount it receives through its contract with the Department of Commerce for development and implementation of Sustainable Building 2030) for technical assistance to local jurisdictions which adopt the stretch energy code. Provides that conservation improvement programs shall be available to customers in jurisdictions which adopt the stretch energy code.</p>
2	<p>Voluntary adoption of stretch code.</p> <p>Requires the Construction Codes Advisory Council to establish a voluntary stretch energy code that conforms to Sustainable Building 2030. Applies this stretch energy code to the construction, reconstruction, and alteration of public and private commercial and multifamily residential buildings. Stipulates that this stretch energy code would become an appendix to the State Building Code that could be adopted by local jurisdictions, serving as an official addendum to the baseline energy code in jurisdictions that choose to adopt it. Forbids local amendment of the stretch energy code, but allows the local jurisdiction to set a minimum size for buildings it will apply to. Requires that this minimum size be 10,000 square feet or larger.</p>



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