

**Amendment proposal process for Oregon
Reach Code**

Beginning March 23, 2010, the division will begin accepting state building code amendment proposals relating to construction practice or methods related to energy efficiency for possible adoption in Oregon's first Reach Code as authorized by Senate Bill 79. The anticipated adoption date is April 1, 2011.

Timetable:

All code change proposals related to energy efficient buildings must be submitted by 5:00 p.m., May 7, 2010.

Proposal Process:

The Building Codes Division is beginning the process to adopt Oregon's first Reach Code. The Building Codes Division anticipates adopting the Oregon Reach Code in 2011. The division has identified the 2012 International Green Construction Code Version 1.0 as the model document for this code. As part of the process the division is requesting code amendment proposals for sections of the 2012 IGCC as it relates to energy efficient buildings. Chapters 4, 5, 9, and 11 are outside the scope of BCD's authority and will not be considered for inclusion in the code. Sections 704-710 fall outside the scope of energy efficiency. The division may address these provisions through the plumbing code adoption process. Sections 804-807 also fall outside the scope of energy efficiency.

In order to achieve the division's goals, the division is seeking public proposals for possible code changes to the above referenced code. Energy efficiency is defined in SB 79 as "the use of construction and design standards, construction methods, products, equipment and devices to increase efficient use of, and reduce consumption of, electricity, natural gas and fossil fuels in buildings." The division is considering including some provisions peripherally related to energy efficiency as appendices that could be adopted by local jurisdictions. Proposals must include a brief explanation of the connection between the proposal and energy efficiency as defined above.

The division will utilize the public proposals submitted by the May deadline and discussions from a code committee to develop an Oregon Reach Code to present to the appropriate advisory board or boards by September 2011, for an anticipated code adoption date of April 1, 2011.

Contact:

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Code Change Proposals:

All proposals must be submitted to the division in writing. The division has provided a form that includes the code amendment proposal criteria; the form is available at:

<http://www.bcd.oregon.gov/pdf/2652.pdf>

Completed code change proposals may be sent via email to Dana.C.Fischer@state.or.us or sent to: Building Codes Division, Attn: Dana Fischer, P.O. Box 14470, Salem, OR 97309-0404

