



CRES Supports HB19-1260 International Building Codes, and offers amendments

Dear Representative Kipp, Representative Valdez, and Senator Winter,

Thank you very much for sponsoring the important bill HB19-1260, regarding adoption of International Energy Conservation Codes for buildings in Colorado communities. The Colorado Renewable Energy Society (CRES), with hundreds of individual and business members throughout the state, supports your bill.

We have heard that restricting IECC adoption to just the last **two** cycles unfortunately became a non-starter, but we remain hopeful that all Colorado communities will recognize that dovetailing local codes with IECC guidance is the best energy return on investment. We're confident that jurisdictions will increasingly appreciate lower operating expenses for building owners, tenants, and renters, as well as reductions of emissions into Colorado's air from our still mostly fossil-fueled power supply.

The members of our organization's Policy Committee offer you two ideas to consider incorporating into HB 1260:

- The bill can require all jurisdictions to adopt the most recent version of the IECC **within three years of the latest code's publication, from whatever code level they're currently using.**
- The bill can also require that jurisdictions provide and/or attend **training** open to contractors and inspectors whenever a new version of the IECC is adopted. The training issue is critical.

As you know, new IECCs come out every three years. All counties or municipalities will have at least three years to prepare for adopting the latest code, which should be plenty of time. Please feel free to get in touch if you'd like to discuss further.

Thanks again for bringing this important bill!

Vince Calvano
Chair, CRES Policy Committee

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