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# CALIFORNIA BUILDING STANDARDS COMMISSION INFORMATION BULLETIN 25-05

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**TO:** CBSC INTERESTED PARTIES  
LOCAL BUILDING DEPARTMENTS  
STATE AGENCIES AND DEPARTMENTS

**SUBJECT:** 2025 LEGISLATIVE CHANGES

This information bulletin summarizes the 2025 legislative changes to state laws related to the California Building Standards Commission (CBSC) and state building standards. The statutory changes summarized in this bulletin become effective on January 1, 2026, unless otherwise specified in statute. The links will take you to the *California Legislative Information* website for the complete text on each law.

[AB 130 \(Committee on Budget, Chapter 22, Statutes of 2025\) Housing.](#)

Enacts a 6-year moratorium on state and local building standards affecting residential units, and also enacts permanent restrictions on the type of Title 24 proposals a state agency may promulgate during an intervening code adoption cycle.

[AB 253 \(Ward, Chapter 487, Statutes of 2025\) California Residential Private Permitting Review Act: residential building permits.](#)

Requires local jurisdictions to prepare and post a residential building permit fee schedule to its website, if they prescribe residential building permit fees.

[AB 368 \(Ward, Chapter 145, Statutes of 2025\) Energy: building standards: passive house standards.](#)<sup>†††</sup>

Requires the Energy Commission to evaluate the cost-effectiveness of passive house energy efficiency standards and submit a report with their findings and recommendations to the legislature by July 1, 2028.

[AB 462 \(Lowenthal, Chapter 491, Statutes of 2025\) Land use: accessory dwelling units.](#)

Requires local agencies to issue a certificate of occupancy for an ADU even if the primary dwelling has not yet been issued a certificate of occupancy if it is in a county subject to a proclamation of a state emergency and certain requirements are met.

[AB 507 \(Haney, Chapter 493, Statutes of 2025\) Adaptive reuse: streamlining incentives.](#)

Requires a streamlined ministerial review process for adaptive reuse projects that meet specified criteria.

[AB 671 \(Wicks, Chapter 470, Statutes of 2025\) Accelerated restaurant building plan approval: California Food Retail Code: tenant improvements.](#)

Requires a local building/permitting department to allow a qualified professional certifier to certify compliance with applicable building, health, and safety codes for a tenant improvement relating to a restaurant.

[AB 752 \(Ávila Farías, Chapter 164, Statutes of 2025\) Child daycare facilities.](#)

Requires daycare centers, when colocated with multifamily housing, to be considered a residential use of property.

[SB 283 \(Laird, Chapter 407, Statutes of 2025\) Energy storage systems.](#)<sup>†</sup>

In addition to enacting specific requirements for permitting and inspections of energy storage systems, this bill requires SFM to consider proposing building standards in the next triennial cycle to restrict the location of energy storage systems to dedicated-use noncombustible buildings or outdoor installations.

[SB 470 \(Laird, Chapter 222, Statutes of 2025\) Bagley-Keene Open Meeting Act: teleconferencing.](#)

Extended the current Bagley-Keene provisions until January 1, 2030.

[SB 655 \(Stern, Chapter 522, Statutes of 2025\) Dwelling units: indoor temperature.](#)<sup>††</sup>

Requires all relevant state agencies to consider the state policy that all dwelling units are required to be able to attain and maintain a safe maximum indoor temperature when revising or adopting regulations relevant to achieving that policy.

[Senate Rule 61 \(Pérez, Enrolled 2025\) Relative to building resiliency.](#)

This Senate Rule urges the California Building Standards Commission, the Office of the State Fire Marshal, the Department of Insurance, and other relevant agencies to evaluate current codes and policies for opportunities to strengthen resiliency, support innovation, and reflect best practices in fire- and climate-adaptive construction; and makes other recommendations relative to building resiliency.

As appropriate, CBSC updates the California Building Standards Code (California Code of Regulations, Title 24) with changes resulting from newly enacted legislation. This information bulletin is *not* intended to be a complete digest of all new laws affecting buildings, building standards, and CBSC.

Sincerely,

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