

**UNIFORM BUILDING CODE COMMISSION REVIEW OF
PROPOSED BUILDING CODE CHANGES JOINT
RESOLUTION**

2014 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

Chief Sponsor: Jim Nielson

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LONG TITLE

General Description:

This joint resolution of the Legislature recognizes the Uniform Building Code Commission's role to advise the Division of Occupational and Professional Licensing as it administers state construction codes and to provide its opinion prior to code changes being proposed by legislation.

Highlighted Provisions:

This resolution:

▶ recognizes the Uniform Building Code Commission as

11 ~~H~~→ [the only entity] **empowered** ←~~H~~ to advise the
12 Division of Occupational and Professional Licensing with respect to the division's
13 responsibilities in administering the construction codes for the state of Utah; and

▶ recognizes that ~~S~~→ **the state is encouraged to submit** ←~~S~~ any action to change the

14 state construction code ~~S~~→ [should be submitted] ←~~S~~
15 to the Uniform Building Code Commission for its opinion.

Special Clauses:

None

Be it resolved by the Legislature of the state of Utah:

WHEREAS, the 11-member Uniform Building Code Commission (UBCC) is appointed by the governor and comprised of architects, engineers, contractors, building and fire

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28 officials, and members of the public who are considered experts in their fields;

29 WHEREAS, in addition to the UBCC there are also seven advisory committees,
30 comprised of 32 members, who report to the UBCC;

31 WHEREAS, these advisory committees are also comprised of architects, engineers,
32 contractors, building and fire officials, and members of the public;

33 WHEREAS, in 2012, the UBCC and its seven advisory committees held 63 meetings to
34 review the 2012 codes and amendments;

35 WHEREAS, the aggressive meeting schedule required dedication and commitment
36 from all parties involved;

37 WHEREAS, other than UBCC members, who receive a modest stipend, the time spent
38 is completed at committee members' own expense or the expense of the business or jurisdiction
39 for which each member works;

40 WHEREAS, this dedication demonstrates the commitment of all parties involved to
41 providing the state of Utah with the most up-to-date codes, which have been thoroughly
42 reviewed and vetted;

43 WHEREAS, it would benefit all parties involved to take advantage of the knowledge
44 and expertise these committee members have to offer;

45 ~~H→ [WHEREAS, the UBCC is recognized in Utah Code Section 15-A-1-203 as the only~~
46 ~~entity to advise the Division of Occupational and Professional Licensing (DOPL) with respect~~
47 ~~to DOPL's responsibilities in administering the construction codes for the state of Utah;~~

48 ~~WHEREAS, the state statute delegates construction code interpretation and opinions to~~
49 ~~the UBCC;~~

50 ~~WHEREAS, it would seem appropriate that, if not required by law, any action to~~
51 ~~change the construction code should be submitted to the commission for its opinion;~~

52 ~~WHEREAS, once vetted, the commission's opinion is then submitted to the Business~~
53 ~~and Labor Interim Committee for a ruling as to whether the proposed code change should be~~
54 ~~prepared for potential legislative action; and~~

55 ~~WHEREAS, following this process will establish and ensure that life, safety, good~~
56 ~~construction practice, public welfare, and a common sense of order is followed when~~
57 ~~construction code changes are proposed through legislation;~~

58 ~~NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of the state of Utah~~

59 ~~recognizes the Uniform Building Code Commission as the only entity to advise the Division of~~
60 ~~Occupational and Professional Licensing with respect to the division's responsibilities in~~
61 ~~administering the construction codes for the state of Utah.~~

62 ~~———— BE IT FURTHER] NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT~~ ←H RESOLVED that the Legislature of
62a the state of Utah H→ [recognizes that] is encouraged to submit ←H
63 any action to change the state construction code H→ [H→ [should] may ←H ~~be submitted~~] ←H to
63a the Uniform Building
64 Code Commission for its opinion.

65 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be sent to the Uniform
66 Building Code Commission and the Division of Occupational and Professional Licensing.

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