

1                   **UNIFORM BUILDING CODE COMMISSION REVIEW OF**  
2                   **PROPOSED BUILDING CODE CHANGES JOINT**  
3                   **RESOLUTION**

4                   2014 GENERAL SESSION

5                   STATE OF UTAH

6                   **Chief Sponsor: Jim Nielson**

7                   Senate Sponsor: J. Stuart Adams

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9                   **LONG TITLE**

10                  **General Description:**

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

15                  **Highlighted Provisions:**

16                  This resolution:

- 17                  ▶ recognizes the Uniform Building Code Commission as the only entity to advise the  
18                  Division of Occupational and Professional Licensing with respect to the division's  
19                  responsibilities in administering the construction codes for the state of Utah; and
- 20                  ▶ recognizes that any action to change the state construction code should be submitted  
21                  to the Uniform Building Code Commission for its opinion.

22                  **Special Clauses:**

23                  None

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

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



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 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 RESOLVED that the Legislature of the state of Utah recognizes that  
63 any action to change the state construction code should be submitted to 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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