

Testimony in opposition to H7530: State Building Code

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To: Chair Bennett and the Honorable Members of the House Environment and Natural Resources Committee

I must be blunt... this is a terrible bill. Building codes exist so parameters for generic building requirements can be applied equally and processes to request adaptations or waivers of a building code already exist. Specifically energy conservation codes exist for good reasons which do not need to be debated here. Many houses are built under 2,000 square feet, and so would diminish the conservation codes and the reasons they were enacted in the first place. Municipalities should not have the choice to decide to follow state building codes in their communities ... what other building codes might be offered next for non-compliance?