

HB07-1146 White Paper

Concerning a Requirement that Certain Local Governments Adopt an Energy Efficiency Code in Connection with the Construction of Certain Buildings

- Climate change is real, and State legislation is needed to address it;
- Buildings designed and constructed with low energy use and lesser environmental impacts better preserve the environment for future generations;
- The issue of energy efficient buildings is a global one. AIA has already adopted strong positions supporting the reduction of the energy consumption footprint in buildings;
- AIA Public Policy supports participation in the application of appropriate regulations and standards;
- The 2003 International Energy Conservation Code is a minimum level of standard for Energy Efficiency;
- AIA supports the adoption of the International Code Council family of codes, of which the IECC is one volume;
- The AIA seeks to dramatically increase the number of high-performance buildings constructed in the coming decades;
- The AIA supports federal, state, and local legislation and incentives that encourage and aid the construction of high-performance buildings;

Therefore, AIA Colorado supports HB07-1146, Concerning a Requirement that Certain Local Governments Adopt an Energy Efficiency Code in Connection with the Construction of Certain Buildings.

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