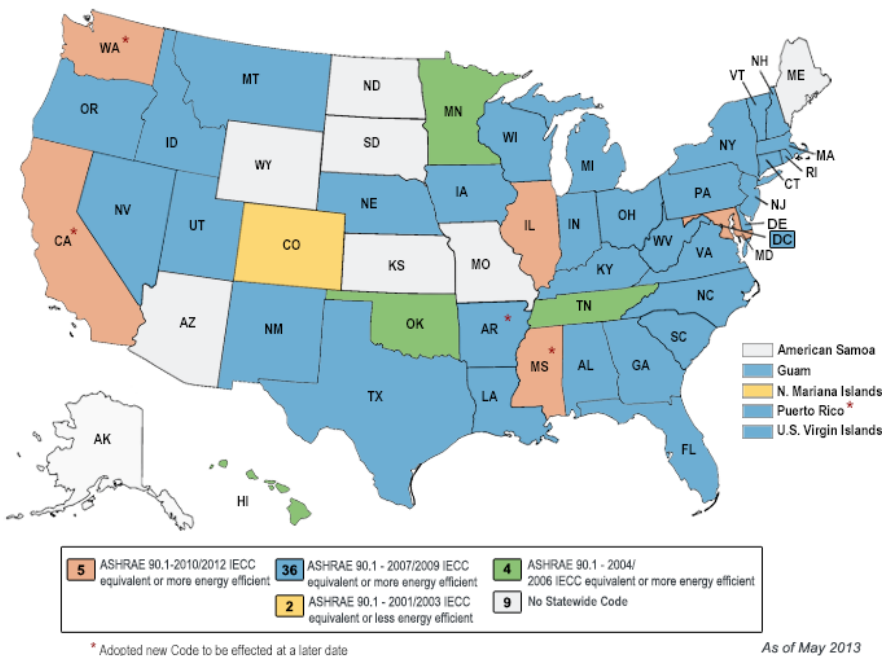


Please Oppose HB201 (Reinstate 2009 Energy Conservation Codes)

- If NC rolls back its commercial energy building code as proposed in House Bill 201, we would be among the worst states in the country regarding minimum energy efficiency levels – i.e. equivalent to national “model” standards developed in 2004. Energy efficient buildings equal lower, more stable monthly electricity bills, which benefits the building owner - and all ratepayers.
- As of now, North Carolina is in compliance with federal code due to the development and adoption by the NC Building Code Council of our current residential and commercial building codes, followed by unanimous approval by state legislators of SB708 in 2011. However, if HB201 becomes law, it will roll back NC’s Energy Conservation Building Code to levels that are not in compliance with federal law.
- In May 2013, a letter from the US Dept. of Energy (DoE) expressly stated that “the Secretary of Energy is required to consider actions proposed by a state to improve and implement residential and commercial building energy codes in determining whether and in what amounts to provide incentive funding.”
- North Carolina has received \$1.9 billion of DoE funding since 2010. A few examples of NC grant recipients:

Research Triangle Institute	\$193,527,523	Volvo	\$11,650,244
NC State University	\$40,982,066	Cree, Inc.	\$11,118,833
Duke University	\$28,880,706	Eaton Corp.	\$1,004,792
Electric Power Research Institute	\$2,600,000		

- HB201 is not necessary because North Carolina has a Building Code Council that is responsible for developing and implementing energy codes, including resolving isolated concerns with the standards. This established process is currently addressing the original concerns that were the basis of HB201 (metal buildings).



Did You Know? NC is currently #3 in the country in new construction starts (Top states: Texas and Florida)