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Sponsor Statement: HB 80, “An Act Relating to Minimum Standards for Residential buildings”

In the State of Alaska, only commercial properties and residential buildings within municipal jurisdictions are subject to building codes. The Alaska Housing Finance Corporation (AHFC) does require buildings to match the International Building Code of 2018, adopted by the corporation for all loans and mortgages that they undertake.

The AHFC would be required by to adopt and administer this nationally recognized building code and adapt it for the unique environment of Alaska to help ensure that residential buildings across Alaska are safe, healthy and sustainable for the people who live in them.

HB 80 would apply to new residential dwellings located outside current building department jurisdictions. Residential contractors would be required to know the code as a condition for licensure and renewal and self-certify that their work complied with the code. HB 80 also allows municipal building departments to adopt another nationally recognized residential building code that best meets their needs and does not interfere with other building codes regulated and enforced by the Alaska Labor Standards and Safety Division or by the State Fire Marshal.