



GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF ENERGY

Small Business Impact Statement

In October of 2017, the Governor's Office of Energy (GOE) solicited comments via e-mail from over 250 stakeholders relative to the adoption of the 2018 International Energy Conservation Code (IECC). Per NRS 701.220 Sec. (8), these stakeholders included "*Persons in the business of constructing and selling homes, Contractors, Public utilities, Local building officials; and the general public*". The stakeholders also included 125 attendees from the four 2015 IECC trainings held in June of 2017. Those trainings were conducted in order to educate participants about the 2015 IECC provisions. The e-mail posed the following question to the stakeholders:

1. What is the estimated economic effect of the proposed regulation, if any, on small businesses, which these changes will regulate, including, without limitation:
 - (a) Both adverse and beneficial effects; and
 - (b) Both direct and indirect effects.

The GOE reviewed the 2018 IECC provisions, the responses received by the stakeholders, as well as other code comparison documents available on the web. Of the over 250 solicitations, 35 responses were received. The respondents generally stated that the changes would have positive impacts upon small businesses because the 2018 IECC standards improve upon standards established in the 2012 IECC standards. Small businesses will benefit from increased energy efficiency in their buildings through reduction in overall energy usage after implementing the new standards for new construction or retrofit applications. Some concern was expressed regarding education and training needs, but the GOE currently offers a minimum of four (4) trainings per year to address the education and training needs associated with the adoption of a new energy code. The Northern Nevada ICC committee has also expressed their intent to adopt the 2018 IECC and provide training.

Based on the GOE's review of the 2018 IECC provisions, the summary of responses from the stakeholders, along with other code comparison documents available on the web, the Director determines that the proposed regulation changes are not likely to impose a direct or significant economic burden on small businesses. Adoption of the most recent IECC will allow for the encouragement of the construction of energy efficient buildings as well as the installation of energy efficient upgrades in existing buildings in the State of Nevada.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Angela Dykema".
Angela Dykema, Director