

**INITIAL STATEMENT OF REASONS
FOR
PROPOSED BUILDING STANDARDS
OF THE
CALIFORNIA BUILDING STANDARDS COMMISSION (CBSC) ON BEHALF OF THE
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES (DHS)**

**REGARDING THE 2003 UNIFORM MECHANICAL CODE,
CALIFORNIA CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 24, PART 4**

ADOPTION OF NEW MODEL CODE FOR USE IN CALIFORNIA AS TITLE 24, PART 4

The Administrative Procedure Act (APA) requires that an Initial Statement of Reasons be available to the public upon request when rulemaking action is being undertaken. The following information required by the APA pertains to this particular rulemaking action:

STATEMENT OF SPECIFIC PURPOSE AND RATIONALE:

The California Building Standards Commission (CBSC) on behalf of the Department of Health Services (DHS) proposes the adoption of the most recent edition of the Uniform Mechanical Code (UMC) of the International Association of Plumbing and Mechanical Officials (IAPMO). The adoption of the 2003 UMC will make applicable the most recent edition for the use by individuals, businesses and state agencies as required by the Health & Safety Code, Section 18928.

2003 Uniform Mechanical Code, California Code of Regulations, Title 24, Part 4, California Mechanical Code:

The purpose for this proposed action is to adopt the most recent edition of the UMC as mandated by the Health & Safety Code, Section 18928. The necessity of this proposed action is to comply with the mandates established by California law.

TECHNICAL, THEORETICAL, AND EMPIRICAL STUDY, REPORT, OR SIMILAR DOCUMENTS:

There were no formal studies or reports used as the bases for the proposed adoption of the Uniform Mechanical Code. This proposed action is mandated by the Health & Safety Code, Section 18928.

CONSIDERATION OF REASONABLE ALTERNATIVES

There are no reasonable alternatives identified by the agency, however, the adoption of the most recent edition of model codes is mandated by the Health & Safety Code, Section 18928.

REASONABLE ALTERNATIVES THE AGENCY HAS IDENTIFIED THAT WOULD LESSEN ANY ADVERSE IMPACT ON SMALL BUSINESS.

No alternatives were identified to lessen the adverse impact on small businesses. It is required by Health & Safety Code, Section 18928(a) that each agency adopting or proposing adoption of a model code, national standard, or specification shall reference the most recent edition of applicable model codes, national standards, or specification.

FACTS, EVIDENCE, DOCUMENTS, TESTIMONY, OR OTHER EVIDENCE OF NO SIGNIFICANT ADVERSE IMPACT ON BUSINESS.

No facts, evidence, documents, testimony, or other evidence of no significant adverse economic impact on business have been identified however, the adoption of the most recent edition of model code is mandated by the Health & Safety Code, Section 18928.

DUPLICATION OR CONFLICTS WITH FEDERAL REGULATIONS

There are no federal regulations related to the adoption of the most recent edition of model code. The requirements are set forth in the Health & Safety Code, Section 18928.