

## Additional Engineering Issues

**HB 1261** by Rep. John Ragan  
House State Government Subcommittee

**SB 1346** by Randy McNally  
Senate Commerce Committee

**ACEC and TSPE oppose HB 1261/SB 1346**, which enables cities and counties to opt out of the standards established in International Energy Conservation Code for buildings classified for industrial and storage use. This bill is not in the best interest of the long-term welfare of the citizens. Other states are already implementing the next version of the Energy Code. Projected building owner return on investment for Energy Code requirements is less than 7 years. These Codes also reduce the demand on our utility systems infrastructure, which is already an area of need.

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**HB 71** by Rep. Gerald McCormick  
House Business & Utilities Subcomm.

**SB 81** by Sen. Mark Norris  
Senate Commerce & Labor Committee on March 3

**ACEC and TSPE support HB 71/SB 81**, which makes housekeeping changes related to the Fundamentals of Engineering computer-based examination for engineer intern applicants and other regulatory concerns. The bill is an administration bill introduced at the request of the State Architects' and Engineers' Board.

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**HB 1105** by Rep. Timothy Hill  
House Transportation Subcomm.

**SB 1005** by Sen. Ken Yager  
Senate Transportation & Safety Committee

**TSPE and ACEC support HB 1105/SB 1005**, which enacts the *County Road Relief Act of 2015*, which gives counties the flexibility to utilize unexpended funds allocated to it to meet the 25% local agency match required for a project. The current funding model, which requires a 2% match, has been successful in allowing local road departments to make long-needed repairs to bridges and other at-risk infrastructure. The legislation expires on July 1, 2017.