



Policy Committees

AIA|WA's policy committees formulate the organization's policy positions and review legislation and other policy proposals as they develop. Committees are open to any member and meetings always include a conference call option. Most committees meet fewer than once per month, except during the legislative session, when they meet more frequently by email or conference call. Current policy committees include:

Climate Committee

The Climate Committee reviews issues related to climate, including reducing carbon emissions from the built environment, carbon pricing policies, energy codes and energy efficiency building incentives. Efforts to address toxic building materials are also covered by this committee.

Codes Committee

The Codes Committee addresses building, energy and other codes that impact architects' work. In particular, the committee monitors the actions of the State Building Codes Council (SBCC) and advocates on behalf of the SBCC before the legislature.

Livability & Affordability Committee

The Livability & Affordability Committee advocates for the benefits of robust regional planning, tracking issues relating to affordable housing, planning, transportation, protection of the Growth Management Act and other related issues.

Practice Committee

The Practice Committee reviews issues impacting the practice of architecture, including contracts, Quality Based Selection and changes to our state Practice Act.

Subcommittee: Alternative Project Delivery

The Alternative Project Delivery Subcommittee reviews all forms of project delivery, including design-bid-build, alternative project delivery, public private partnerships ("P3") and design/build.

Subcommittee: Condo Liability Reform

The Condo Liability Reform Subcommittee reviews proposals aimed at reforming the state's policies around liability in the design and construction of condominium projects with a goal of identifying and promoting policies that will allow more condos to be built by reducing liability issues for designers, developers and the construction professions.

Taxes, Education & Capital Budget Committee

The Taxes/Education/Capital Budget Committee addresses all forms of taxation; funding of the capital budget; and legislative issues dealing with education facilities and funding for K-12 schools and higher education.

Subcommittee: Education

The Education Subcommittee address issues surrounding K-12 school construction, including thresholds for local levies, the school construction assistance program, OSPI funding formulas and taxes related to funding public education.

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