



Code Amendment Proposal Application Proposal 11

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PROPOSAL INFORMATION

Specialty code: Oregon Reach Code
Code section(s): 3.2; 6.1.3
Briefly explain the subject of your proposal: Total System Performance Ratio (TSPR) for HVAC

INSTRUCTIONS AND CHECKLIST


Fill in all the information above and submit this page, signed and dated, with the required supplementary information for Parts I, II, and III listed in the following checklist. This application may be submitted by mail to the mailing address above, or by email to BCD.PTSPtech@oregon.gov.

Checklist:

- Part I** Code amendment language is attached in the proper format.
- Part II** Amendment proposal requirements for amending the code have been reviewed.
- Part III** Amendment proposal criteria questions have been answered and are attached.

Note: One application is required for each code section you are proposing to amend. If this proposal requires changes in other sections of the code for alignment, include those changes as part of this application.

APPLICANT SIGNATURE

Signature:  Date: 2/24/2022

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Oregon Reach Code Proposal: Total System Performance Ratio (TSPR) for HVAC

Part I: Code Amendment Language

Modify Section 3.2: Definitions as follows:

HVAC TOTAL SYSTEM PERFORMANCE RATIO (HVAC TSPR). The ratio of the sum of a building's annual heating and cooling load in thousands of Btus to the sum of annual carbon emissions in pounds from energy consumption of the building HVAC systems. Carbon emissions shall be calculated by multiplying site energy consumption by the carbon emission factors published in ASHRAE Standard 105 – 2021.

Add Section 6.1.3

6.1.3 HVAC total system performance ratio (HVAC TSPR). For systems serving office, retail, library and education occupancies without exceptions, the HVAC total system performance ratio (HVAC TSPR) of the proposed design HVAC system shall be more than or equal to the HVAC TSPR of the standard reference design as calculated according to Appendix D, Calculation of HVAC Total System Performance Ratio.

Exceptions:

1. Buildings with conditioned floor area less than 5,000 square feet.
2. HVAC systems using district heating water, chilled water or steam.
3. HVAC systems not included in Table D601.11.1.
4. HVAC systems with chilled water supplied by absorption chillers, heat recovery chillers, water to water heat pumps, air to water heat pumps, or a combination of air and water cooled chillers on the same chilled water loop.
5. HVAC system served by heating water plants that include air to water or water to water heat pumps
6. Underfloor air distribution HVAC systems.
7. Space conditioning systems that do not include mechanical cooling.
8. Alterations to existing buildings that do not substantially replace the entire HVAC system.
9. HVAC systems meeting all the requirements of the standard reference design HVAC system in Table D602.11, Standard Reference Design HVAC Systems.

Part II –Code Amendment Proposal Requirements

To the best of our knowledge, this proposal aligns with all statutes and rules governing the Oregon state building code

Part III -Code Amendment Proposal Criteria

HVAC System Performance provides a simpler solution to HVAC system evaluation compared to whole building performance, while keeping tradeoffs limited to specific building systems. The Total System Performance Ratio (TSPR) is a metric for evaluation of overall system efficiency instead of individual component efficiency, a solution that could also eventually facilitate the transition to a 100% performance-based code structure. TSPR is a ratio that compares the annual heating and cooling load of a building to the annual energy consumed by the building's HVAC system.

A web-based calculation tool has been developed for determining a building's TSPR. Already incorporated into the 2018 Washington State Energy Code, this approach has also been evaluated by the ASHRAE Standard 90.1 Project Committee and has the potential to provide a comprehensive performance-based approach for HVAC system evaluation and analysis.