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How is this different from our existing system?

The system in place now works. There is no need to change it.
The legislature assigned the responsibility for developing and implementing codes to the DBS State Building Code Board, and there is a clearly-defined negotiated rule-making process in place. In that process, all stakeholders are at the table and work collaboratively to agree on standards and codes.
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The process, and the statutes that have been adopted from that process, have served the state well for decades.

The current process allows for the necessary flexibility at the local level while ensuring we have consistency throughout the state. It requires notification and involvement of participants from local jurisdictions.

If you want to request a change for one of your constituents, you have the means to do that now.

The codes that have been adopted through our system have saved homeowners and building owners money through efficiency and safety.

But what about the Idaho Plumbing Code?

It's too early to say yet whether or not the Plumbing Code is a success.

The printing costs increased about 40% , and we don't know how to handle amendments when they come.

The "Idaho" code doesn't have commentaries. Commentaries are an essential tool for building officials to do their jobs because those sections simplify complex code sections.

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