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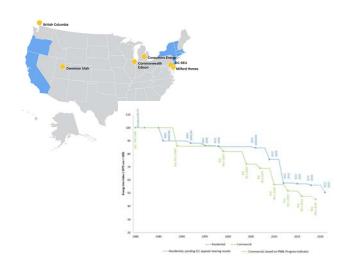
## The Role of Energy Efficiency in Building Decarbonization

Steven Nadel, Executive Director
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Workshop
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### **ACEEE**



Research



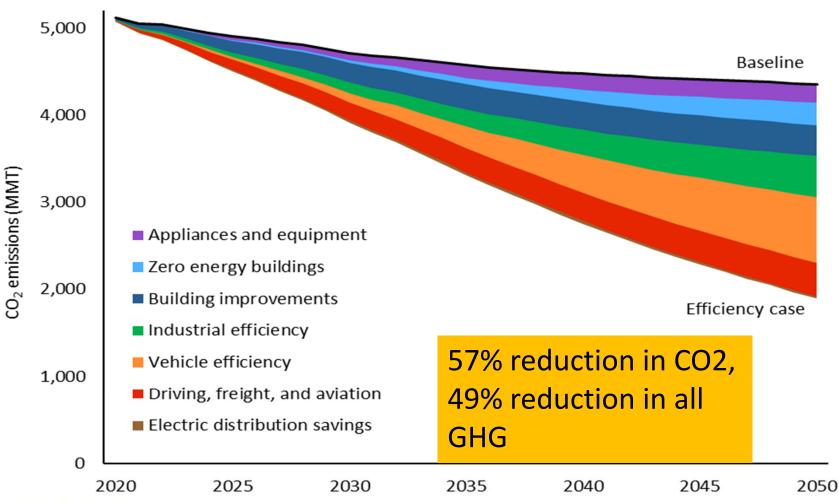
Program and policy TA and advocacy



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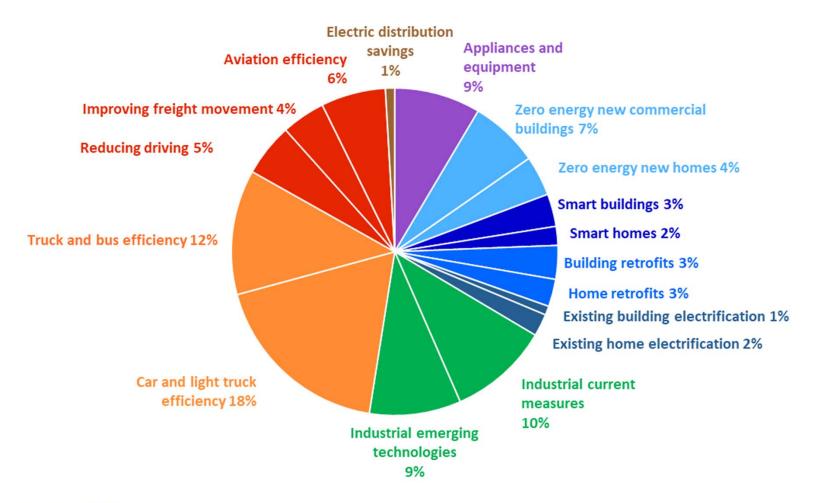
# Energy efficiency can get us halfway to decarbonization...





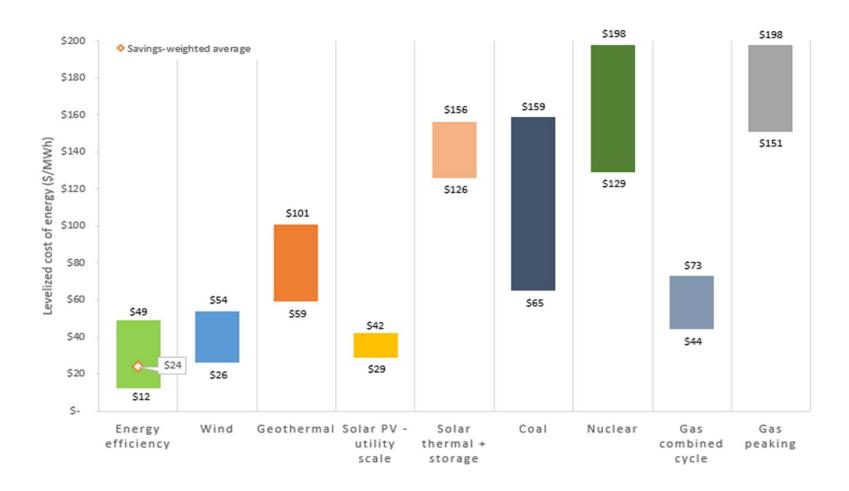
Source: ACEEE, 2019, Halfway There

### Allocation of Efficiency Savings





### Levelized Cost per kWh





Source: ACEEE, 2021, "The Cost of Saving Electricity for the Largest U.S. Utilities." Supply-side costs from Lazard 2020.

# More Expensive to Decarbonize Without Energy Efficiency



5 kW



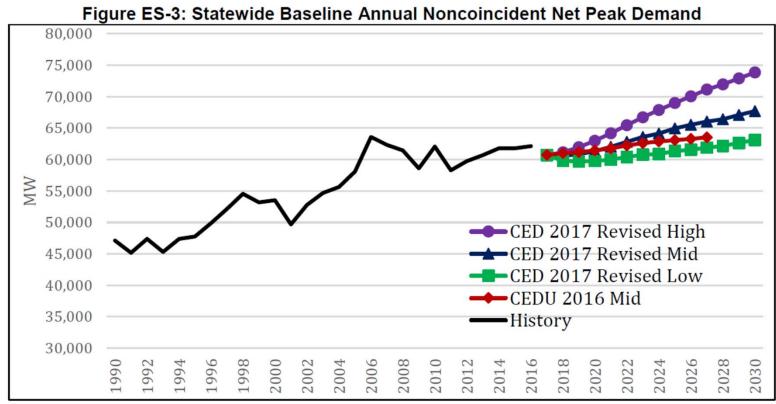
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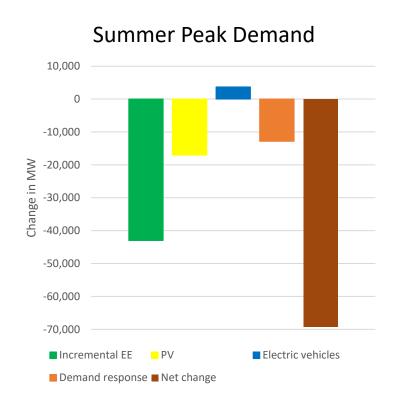
#### California Peak Demand Forecast

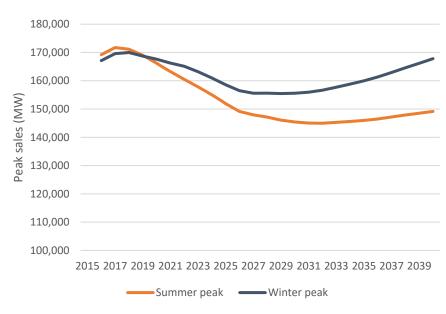


Source: California Energy Commission, Energy Assessments Division, 2017.



# Peak Demand in Southeast: Aggressive Case

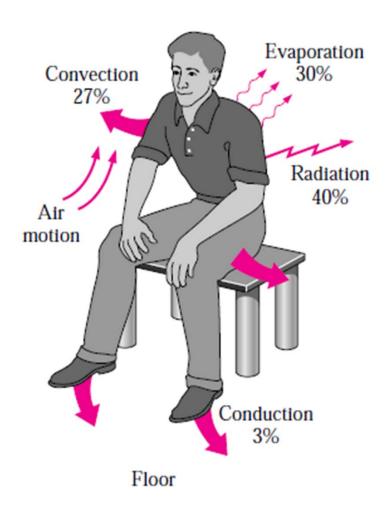




Source: Nadel, ACEEE, 2017



#### Comfort: Heat Transfer from a Person





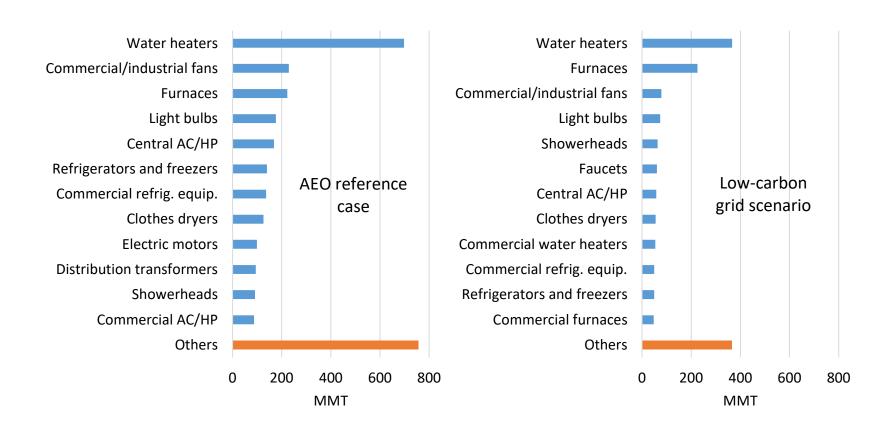
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### Efficiency and Renewables





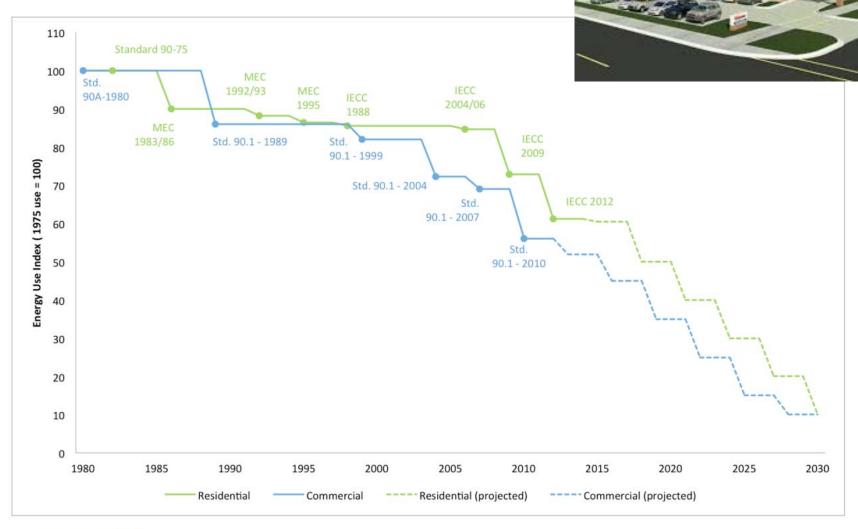
# Appliances and Equipment: Potential Savings from Updated Standards





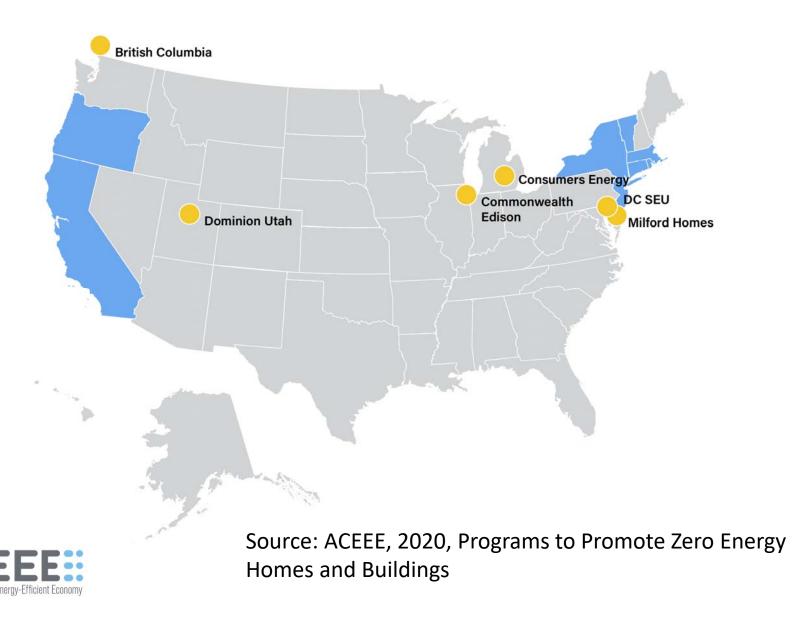
Source: A Powerful Priority, ASAP & ACEEE, 2020

### Code Goal

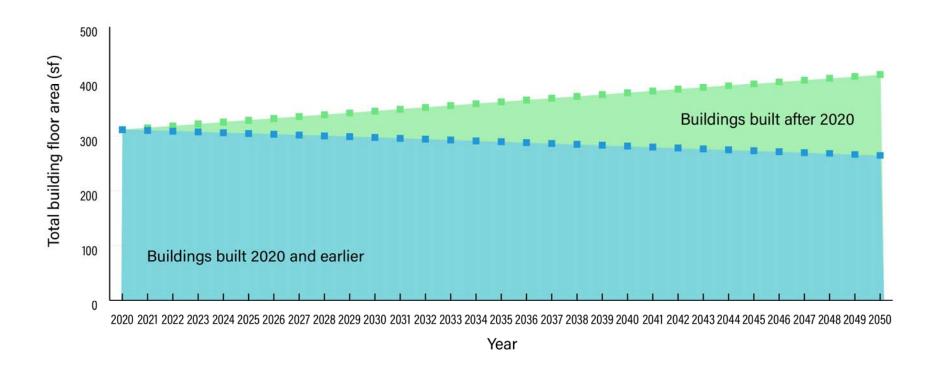


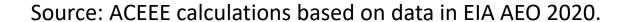


### Zero Energy Home and Building Programs



# New and Existing Buildings as Share of Building Floor Area (Residential + Commercial)







#### Residential Retrofits

- Whole home retrofits
  - Hope for Homes retrofit incentives now before Congress
  - Multifamily programs
- Need improved retrofit techniques





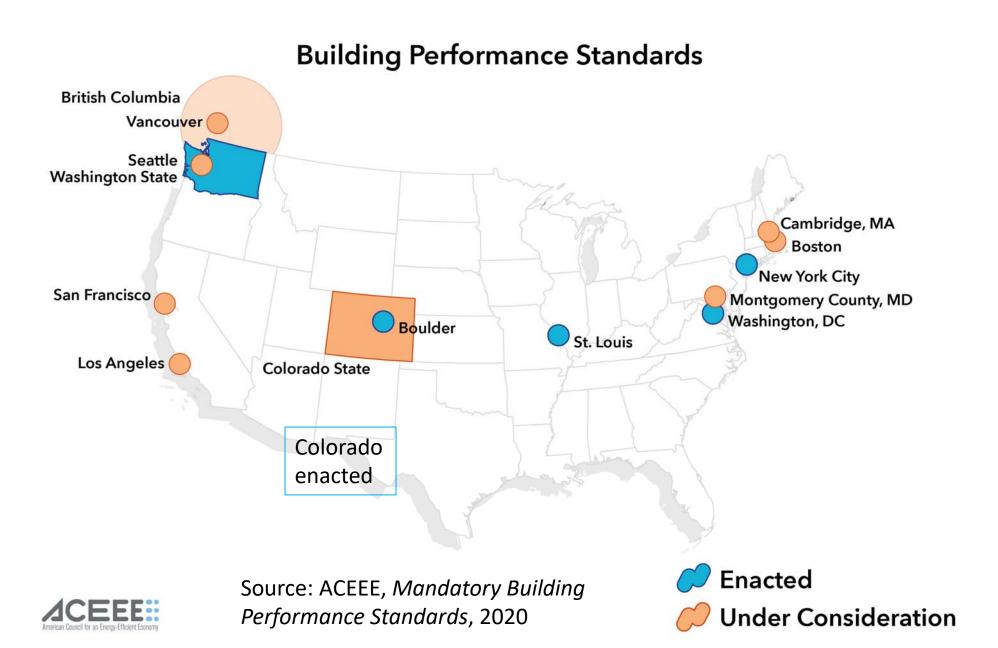
### Commercial Retrofit Programs

- Moving beyond lighting
  - Intelligent efficiency/GEB
  - Whole building retrofits
  - HVAC including ventilation
- Deep retrofits at time of building renovation
- ACEEE will be doing a study on commercial retrofit programs in 2021

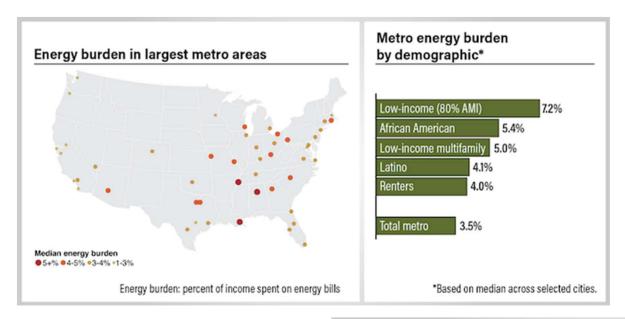


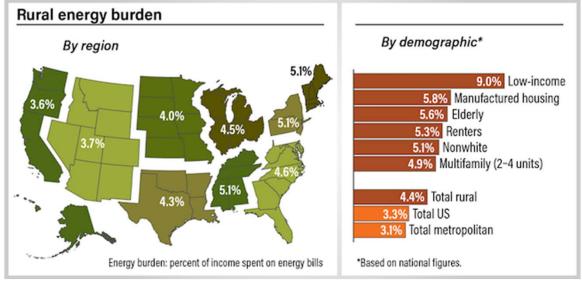
**GAO Deep Retrofit Project** 





### Addressing Equity Critically Important







## Potential Building Efficiency Measures in Federal Infrastructure & Reconciliation Bills

- More money for WAP program
- HOPE for HOMES residential retrofit incentives
- ZEHA incentives for HP and other electrification measures
- GREAHT incentives for affordable multifamily retrofits
- Higher residential EE measure tax incentives (25C)
- Higher commercial building incentives, sliding scale 30-50% savings
- Higher new home tax incentives with Energy Star and Zero Energy Ready tiers



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