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To the Honorable Members of the Assembly:

I am vetoing Assembly Bill 450 in its entirety.

This bill would delay the transition of building standards for public buildings, public structures, and places of employment from standards based on the 2015 International Building Code to standards based on the 2021 International Building Code. The applicability of the new standards would be delayed from September 1, 2025, to April 1, 2026. Any plans submitted for compliance examination before April 1, 2026, would be subject to the prior standards.

I am vetoing this bill in its entirety because I object to the further unnecessary delay in implementing new building standards that will benefit Wisconsin communities. The Department of Safety and Professional Services, in consultation with industry stakeholders and experts, has already delayed enforcement of the new building code until November 1, 2025. Additionally, JCRAR unconstitutionally obstructed this rule from taking effect for years, and the department was only able to implement it after lengthy litigation.¹ This bill would not only create confusion for developers with current building projects under review but would also further delay the implementation of new safety and energy efficiency standards that have been already widely adopted. The department has and will continue to work with building professionals throughout the state to ensure proper understanding and compliance with the new building commercial code.

Respectfully submitted,

Tony Evers
Governor

¹ *Evers v. Marklein (Evers II)*, No. 2023AP2020-OA (Nov. 8, 2024)