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SAVE Act Would Include Energy Efficiency In Home Values for Mortgage Underwriting

The SAVE Act [S. 1106], introduced on June 6, 2013 by Senators Bennet (D-Colo.) and Isakson (R-Ga.), is legislation to improve the accuracy of mortgage underwriting used by federal mortgage agencies by including a home's expected energy cost savings when determining the value and affordability of energy efficient homes. Utility bills are usually larger than either real estate taxes or homeowners insurance, but they are currently ignored in mortgage underwriting.

The measure would allow lenders to include projected energy savings from efficiency upgrades when measuring the borrower's income against expenses and the value of the home against the debt. In addition to giving borrowers larger loans in new purchases and refinancings, it could also lower their interest rates.

The proposal is supported by a diverse coalition of organizations, including the Institute for Market Transformation (IMT), the National Association of Realtors, the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, the Appraisal Institute, the U.S. Green Building Council, the Leading Builders of America, and the Natural Resources Defense Council.

[\[More\]](#) [\[SAVE Act\]](#)

ANSI Standard for SIPs Approved

The ANSI/APA PRS 610.1 Standard for Performance-Rated Structural Insulated Panels (SIPs) in Wall Applications was approved by the American National Standards Institute (ANSI) recently and is now available for download. The 36-page standard, *ANSI/APA PRS 610.1-2013: American National Standard for Performance-Rated Structural Insulated Panels in Wall Applications*, provides requirements and test methods for qualification and quality assurance for performance-rated SIPs for use in wall applications, and specifies product performance requirements. [\[Free Download\]](#)

Bridging the Divide

CertainTeed Offers Online Green Product Evaluation

The CertainTeed ecoScorecard calculator tool allows you to search, evaluate and document the specific green characteristics of CertainTeed products, significantly



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Articles of Interest

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Warming [\[More\]](#)**

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Next Specialty
Market [\[More\]](#)**

streamlining green building specification and documentation.

"ecoScorecard" allows specifiers to search and evaluate products based on environmental characteristics, including 1,200 unique attributes across 20 green building rating systems. The readily accessible system automatically updates as rating systems change and offers easy access to the documentation required for project submittals. [\[ecoScorecard\]](#)

US DOE Launches New Building Performance Database

On June 17, the Energy Department launched a new Buildings Performance Database, the largest free, publicly available database of residential and commercial building energy performance information. Currently, commercial and residential buildings account for approximately 70% of the electricity consumption in the nation.

This database will allow users to access energy performance data and perform statistical analyses on more than 60,000 commercial and residential buildings across the country, and new records are being added regularly. The database includes buildings' location; age; size and function; electricity and fuel consumption; equipment information and operational characteristics. The data can also be used to compare performance trends among similar buildings, identify and prioritize cost-saving energy efficiency improvements, and assess the range of likely savings from these improvements. An application programming interface (API) will allow external software developers to incorporate analytical results from the database into their own tools and services. [\[More\]](#)

Is This the Next Great Energy Saving Device?

Any hot water that goes down the drain carries away energy with it. That's typically 80-90% of the energy used to heat water in a home. Drain-water heat recovery systems capture this energy to preheat cold water entering the water heater or going to other water fixtures.

Drain-water heat recovery technology works well with all types of water heaters, especially with on-demand and solar water heaters. Drain-water heat exchangers can also recover heat from the hot water used in showers, bathtubs, sinks, dishwashers, and clothes washers. They generally have the ability to store recovered heat for later use. You'll need a unit with storage capacity for use with a dishwasher or clothes washer. Without storage capacity, you'll only have useful energy during the simultaneous flow of cold water and heated drain water, like while showering. [\[More Story\]](#) [\[Video\]](#)

Building Materials Shortages Hindering Recovery

Florida Trend's County-by-County Economic Outlook [[More](#)]

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Certification Counts

"Florida Green" Certifications To Date Homes

484 Homes in 2013
5,965 total as of 6/20/13

Commercial Buildings

Registered: 22
Certified: 7

Hi-Rise

Registered: 8
Certified: 1

Land Development

Registered: 61
Certified: 12

Local Government

Registered: 57
Certified: 46

Multi-Family

In 2013
6 Buildings
105 Units

Recent Registrations

Garden Park

Fern Park
96,048 s.f. high-rise
including 104 residential
units

Richey Woods

New Port Richey
70,032 s.f. high-rise
including 47 residential units

Home builders and lumber dealers are reporting significant shortages of key home building materials such as lumber and wall board, according to recent surveys by the National Association of Home Builders (NAHB) and the National Lumber and Building Material Dealers Association (NLBMDA).

"Supply constraints are one of the barriers to a more robust recovery," said NAHB Chief Economist David Crowe. "The shortages and price increases reported by both home builders and lumber dealers are particularly concerning given that the current rate of construction is still far below what would be considered normal or necessary to meet underlying demand."

Among builders, the highest incidence of shortages was for oriented strand board (OSB), with 22 percent of builders reporting shortages, followed by wall board (20 percent), framing lumber (18 percent) and plywood (18 percent).

Florida Fair Foreclosure Act Changes Handling Of Residential & Commercial Process

On Friday, June 7, 2013, Governor Rick Scott signed The Florida Fair Foreclosure Act, which made many substantive changes to how foreclosures must be conducted in the state. The primary focus of the Act is residential real estate foreclosures, however, a number of the new foreclosure requirements also relate to commercial real estate foreclosures.

Section 3 of the Act creates Florida Statute §702.015, which is intended to expedite the foreclosure process by requiring the initial disclosure of a plaintiff's status upon the filing of a foreclosure action.

Section 4 of the Act creates Florida Statute §702.036, which relates to the finality of the disposition of foreclosed property after the entry of a mortgage foreclosure judgment.

Section 6 of the Act relates to entry of an order to show cause and amends Florida Statute §702.10 to read that any lienholder may request an order to show cause for the entry of a foreclosure judgment in a foreclosure action. Section 6 also provides that in any action for foreclosure other than against owner-occupied residential real estate, in addition to any other relief that the court may award, the plaintiff may request that the court enter an order directing the borrower to show cause why an order to make payments during the pendency of the foreclosure proceedings should not be entered, and if the required payments are not made, why an order to vacate the premises should not be entered.

Section 7 of the Act enumerates certain methods of providing adequate protection where the foreclosing lender is not in possession of the original promissory note. Section 7 of the

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5 Homes

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Univ. of North Florida
Jacksonville, FL
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November 15, 2013
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Calendar of Events

June 20-22, 2013
**AIA Annual
Convention** Denver
Convention Center
Denver, CO
[\[More\]](#)

July 11-13, 2013
**Southeast Building
Conference (SEBC)**
Orange Co. Convention
Center
Orlando, FL
[\[Register\]](#)

Act creates Florida Statute §702.11, under which all of the following will be considered adequate protection: (i) a written indemnification agreement by a person reasonably believed sufficiently solvent to honor such an obligation, (ii) a surety bond, (iii) a letter of credit issued by a financial institution, (iv) a deposit of cash collateral with the clerk of the court, and (v) such other security as the court may deem appropriate under the circumstances. [\[More\]](#)

Earn the FGBC Green Professional Designation



Credentials are what set you above the competition and distinguish you as an expert - the go to person for excellence. Don't miss the opportunity to earn the [FGBC Certified Green Professional](#) designation by attending

the Florida Green Building Coalition's annual [GreenTrends Conference & Tradeshow](#) set for August 21-23, 2013 at the Ritz Carlton in Sarasota.

This year we've designed the education program so that by attending both days and passing an exam you're eligible to apply for the FGBC Green Professional designation. (Check the FGBC website for other qualifying requirements.)

This intensive 2-day program covers all the bases: building science principles, site development, building envelopes, resource and energy efficiency, water conservation, indoor air quality, effective operations and maintenance, and marketing the value of green. The program also offers the following continuing education credits:

- 16 CEUs for Contractors-CILB Course #0608298
- 12 CEUs for Architects-Course #9878267

[GreenTrends 2013](#) "bridges the divide" between standard skills and the new skills required to understand and successfully implement green building. [Register Today!](#)



Earn Cash Back with FGBC Rewards Program

The Florida Green Building Coalition Membership Committee recently announced a "Cash Back" rewards program. For every new member recruited, the sponsoring FGBC member earns 10 percent of the new member's annual membership fee. Rewards are applied to the sponsor's annual renewal. Check the FGBC website for details and to download.

Certifying Agents this is a no-brainer for you. Every time you contract for certification services, be sure to include an FGBC

July 31 - Aug 3, 2013
FL Engineering Society
Annual Conference
The Breakers
Palm Beach, FL
[\[More\]](#)

August 8-11, 2013
FL AIA
Hilton Bonnet Creek
Orlando, FL
[\[More\]](#)

August 14-18, 2013
Florida Realtors® Annual
Convention & Trade Expo
Course
Rosen Shingle Creek
Orlando, FL
[\[Register\]](#)

August 15-17, 2013
FL League of Cities Annual
Conference
Marriott World Center
Orlando, FL
[\[More\]](#)

August 21-23, 2013
FGBC GreenTrends
Conference
Ritz-Carlton Sarasota
Sarasota, FL
[\[More\]](#)

FGBC Committee Meetings

Affordable Housing
3rd Thursday
Monthly
10 a.m.

Board of Directors
2nd Wednesday
Monthly
3 p.m.

Commercial
1st Tuesday
Monthly
3 p.m.

Education
1st Thursday
Monthly
2 p.m.

GreenTrends
4th Tuesday
Monthly
2 p.m.

Hi-Rise
3rd Tuesday
Monthly
11 a.m.

Homes

membership in your contract price. Fill out the membership form and submit with payment to FGBC to earn your rewards. [\[More\]](#)

FGBC Welcomes New Members & Certifying Agents

New Members:

- Martin Bixler, Habitat for Humanity of Palm Beach County, West Palm Beach; FGBC Sponsor: Doug Poirier
- Ed Cannatelli, Cannatelli Builders, Pompano Beach
FGBC Sponsor: Doug Poirier
- Thomas Deborda, Notec Global Inc-Mfg Infrared Heater,
Clearwater
- Chuck Halberg, Stuart and Shelby Development,
Delray Beach; FGBC Sponsor: Doug Poirier

Re-joining Members:

- Tim Rose, Lyons Housing, LLC, Fort Myers

Sincerely,

Suzanne Cook, CAE
FGBC Executive Director

2nd Tuesday
Monthly
2 p.m.

Land Development

4th Wednesday
Quarterly
4 p.m.

Local Government

1st Tuesday
Monthly
10:30 a.m.

**Membership and
Programs & Promotions**

(Joint Meeting)
1st Wednesday
Monthly
3 p.m.