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## A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO FIRE PROTECTION.

**BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:**

1           SECTION 1. The legislature finds that fire inspections of  
2 state-owned airport facilities by the county and the state  
3 impedes efficiency and unnecessarily squanders time and  
4 resources. The legislature further finds that state-owned  
5 airport facilities should be the sole responsibility of the  
6 State with respect to fire protection and inspections.

7           The purpose of this Act is to clarify that the State shall  
8 be responsible for fire and safety inspections at all state-  
9 owned airport facilities.

10          SECTION 2. Section 132-5, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
11 amended to read as follows:

12          "**§132-5 Right of entry for inspection; unlawful to**  
13 **obstruct.** The county fire chief or the chief's designees may at  
14 all reasonable hours enter any buildings, structures, or  
15 premises within the fire chief's jurisdiction, except the  
16 interior of private dwellings, to make any inspection,  
17 investigation, or examination which is authorized to be made  
18 under this chapter. The county fire chief or the chief's



1 designees may enter any private dwelling whenever the fire chief  
2 or the chief's designees have reason to believe that dangerous  
3 conditions creating a fire hazard exist in the dwelling. The  
4 county fire chief or the chief's designees may enter any private  
5 dwelling when a fire has occurred in the dwelling. It shall be  
6 unlawful to obstruct, hinder, or delay any person having the  
7 right to make the inspection, investigation, or examination in  
8 the performance of duty.

9       The county fire chief or the chief's designees shall make  
10 an inspection of all state-owned or county-owned buildings and  
11 facilities, except state-owned airport facilities, the frequency  
12 of which shall be made in accordance with section 132-6, and  
13 shall make a report to the authorities responsible for the  
14 maintenance of any state-owned or county-owned building or  
15 facility when it is found that a building or facility does not  
16 meet minimum standards of fire and safety protection."

17       SECTION 3. Section 132-6, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
18 amended by amending subsection (a) to read as follows:

19       "(a) Each county fire chief shall, in person or by  
20 officers or members of the fire chief's fire department  
21 designated by the fire chief for that purpose, inspect all  
22 buildings, premises, and public thoroughfares, except the





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**Report Title:**

State-owned Airport Facilities

**Description:**

Clarifies the overlapping county/state responsibility for fire and safety inspections of state-owned airport facilities by making the State responsible for all fire and safety inspections at all state-owned airport facilities.

