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## A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO WATER CONSERVATION.

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

1           SECTION 1. Chapter 46, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended  
2 by adding a new section to be appropriately designated and to  
3 read as follows:

4           "§46-           Water conservation standards for building design  
5 and construction. (a) Every county building code shall require  
6 that all new residential and commercial developments be equipped  
7 with water conservation devices. The requirements of this  
8 section shall be applicable to building permits issued after  
9 December 31, 2006. This section shall not apply to exempted  
10 buildings.

11           (b) The water conservation building standards shall be  
12 enforced at the time of construction of a new building.

13           (c) No official of the State or of any county charged  
14 with the enforcement of laws or ordinances pertaining to the  
15 construction of buildings or structures shall accept or approve  
16 any plan or specification, including or pertaining to the design  
17 and construction details and standards for a water system unless  
18 the water conservation building standards are met.



1       (d) All plans and specifications submitted with or in  
2 connection with an application for a building or construction  
3 permit shall bear the certification of a registered architect or  
4 engineer that the plans and specifications comply with the water  
5 conservation building standards.

6       (e) For the purposes of this section:

7       "Exempted building" means:

8       (1) Any building owned or leased in whole or in part by  
9       the United States; or

10       (2) Any building that is deliberately preserved beyond its  
11 normal term of use because of historic significance,  
12 architectural interest, public policy, or  
13 qualification for special historic building code  
14 provisions.

15       "Water conservation devices" includes but shall not be  
16 limited to low-flow plumbing, low-flush toilets, faucet  
17 aerators, and any other economically reasonable machinery,  
18 equipment, or devices used in the water conservation process  
19 that are commercially available at the time of development to  
20 reduce water usage from existing groundwater sources."

21       SECTION 2. New statutory material is underscored.

1 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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**Report Title:**

Water Conservation; Devices

**Description:**

Requires each county to include in its building code a requirement that all new residential and commercial developments be equipped with water conservation devices after December 31, 2006.

