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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 purpose of this Act is to clarify fire  
2 inspection responsibilities of the State and the various  
3 counties with respect to state-owned airport facilities.

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

6           "**§132-5 Right of entry for inspection; unlawful to**  
7 **obstruct.** The county fire chief or the chief's designees may at  
8 all reasonable hours enter any buildings, structures, or  
9 premises within the fire chief's jurisdiction, except the  
10 interior of private dwellings, to make any inspection,  
11 investigation, or examination [~~which~~] that is authorized to be  
12 made under this chapter. The county fire chief or the chief's  
13 designees may enter any private dwelling whenever the fire chief  
14 or the chief's designees have reason to believe that dangerous  
15 conditions creating a fire hazard exist in the dwelling. The  
16 county fire chief or the chief's designees may enter any private  
17 dwelling when a fire has occurred in the dwelling. It shall be  
18 unlawful to obstruct, hinder, or delay any person having the



1 right to make the inspection, investigation, or examination in  
2 the performance of duty.

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

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

13 "(a) Each county fire chief [~~shall~~], in person or by  
14 officers or members of the fire chief's fire department  
15 designated by the fire chief for that purpose, shall inspect all  
16 buildings, premises, and public thoroughfares, except the  
17 interiors of private dwellings[7] and state-owned airport  
18 facilities, for the purpose of ascertaining and causing to be  
19 corrected any conditions liable to cause fire, or any violation  
20 of any law, ordinance, rule, or order relating to fire hazard or  
21 to the prevention of fires."



1 SECTION 4. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed  
2 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

3 SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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# SB. NO. 2477

**Report Title:**

Airports; Fire Inspection

**Description:**

Clarifies that fire inspections at state airports are not the responsibility of county fire departments.

