
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO DISASTER PREPAREDNESS.

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- Disaster mitigation standards for building design
5 and construction. (a) Disaster mitigation standards based on
6 design requirements for withstanding the effects of floods,
7 winds, and natural or manmade disaster shall be incorporated by
8 each county into its building code by July 1, 2007. The
9 standards shall apply to all buildings that begin construction
10 on or after July 1, 2007.

11 (b) The disaster mitigation standards shall be enforced at
12 the time of construction of a new building, whether residential
13 or commercial, or at the time of a major addition, alteration,
14 or repair of an existing building when the proposed major
15 addition, alteration, or repair is required to comply with the
16 standards applicable to new buildings under the applicable
17 county building code. No official of the State or of any county
18 charged with the enforcement of laws or ordinances pertaining to



1 the construction or alteration of buildings or structures shall
 2 accept or approve any plan or specification including or
 3 pertaining to the design and construction details unless the
 4 standards for disaster mitigation are met. All plans and
 5 specifications submitted with or in connection with an
 6 application for a building or construction permit shall bear the
 7 certification by a registered architect or engineer that the
 8 plans and specifications comply with the disaster mitigation
 9 standards."

10 SECTION 2. New statutory material is underscored.

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

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Report Title:

Building Codes; Adoption of Stricter Standards

Description:

Requires counties to amend their building codes to provide for stricter standards in new residential and commercial construction to mandate life-saving flood and wind protection and reduce the effects of natural or manmade disasters.

