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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. Section 132-3, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
2 amended to read as follows:

3 "**§132-3 Adoption of state fire code.** [~~The~~] (a) Prior to  
4 July 1, 2009, the state fire council [~~shall~~], after public  
5 hearings pursuant to chapter 91, shall adopt [~~prior to July 1,~~  
6 ~~1979,~~] a state fire code setting forth minimum requirements  
7 [~~relative to~~] for the protection of persons and property from  
8 fire loss, including [~~without limitation~~]:

- 9 (1) [~~the~~] The storage, handling, and use of hazardous  
10 substances, materials, and devices; and  
11 (2) [~~the~~] The control of conditions hazardous to life or  
12 property in the design, use, or occupancy of buildings  
13 and premises.

14 (b) The state fire code [~~, insofar as is practicable,~~]  
15 shall [~~complement,~~]:

- 16 (1) Complement, augment, and be consistent in form and  
17 language with the building and other codes of the  
18 respective counties [~~-~~]; and



1           (2) Include:

2                   (A) Road standards for fire equipment access;

3                   (B) Sign standards to expedite the identification of  
4                           streets, roads, and buildings; and

5                   (C) Minimum private water supply reserve for  
6                           emergency fire use; and

7                   (D) Fuel breaks and green belts. As used in this  
8                           paragraph:

9                           "Fuel break" means a wide strip of land from  
10                           which the native vegetation is permanently  
11                           reduced or removed so that fires can be more  
12                           readily extinguished.

13                           "Green belt" means an area of land on which  
14                           development is strictly controlled.

15           (c) Upon adoption by the state fire council, the state  
16 fire code shall be transmitted to the respective county councils  
17 [~~which may, by ordinance, either~~] for the county councils to  
18 either enact [its] the provisions of the state fire code or  
19 enact more stringent provisions relating to the protection of  
20 persons and property against fire loss; provided that the county  
21 councils may enact less stringent provisions with the prior  
22 written approval of the state fire council.



1        (d) The state fire council shall meet annually to review  
2 and amend the state fire code."

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

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

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**Report Title:**

Fire Protection

**Description:**

Amends the state fire code to include road and sign standards, minimum private water supply reserves, fuel breaks, and green belts to improve fire protection.

