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# SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

URGING THE STATE BUILDING CODE COUNCIL TO EXPEDITIOUSLY ADOPT PROVISIONS IN THE INTERNATIONAL BUILDING CODE, 2006 EDITION, RELATING TO PHYSICAL ASSISTANCE IN EVACUATION FOR RESIDENTS IN ASSISTED LIVING FACILITIES OR SIMILAR FACILITIES.

1           WHEREAS, in considering the needs of Hawaii's elderly, the  
2 Legislature has recognized the importance of developing a long-  
3 term care infrastructure plan to ensure public safety while  
4 supporting aging in place; and

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6           WHEREAS, the State Building Code Council, established by  
7 Act 82, Session Laws of Hawaii 2007, has the responsibility to  
8 establish a comprehensive state building code; and

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10           WHEREAS, the latest edition of the International Building  
11 Code provides building code regulations for assisted living  
12 facilities for the evacuation of residents in an emergency; and

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14           WHEREAS, to achieve the objective of supporting aging in  
15 place, S.B. No. 3187, Regular Session of 2008, proposed to  
16 implement the recommendations of the task force convened  
17 pursuant to Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 144, S.D. 1,  
18 adopted during the Regular Session of 2006, by requiring the  
19 State Building Code Council to amend the provisions of the  
20 International Building Code relating to assisted living  
21 facilities and similar facilities; and

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23           WHEREAS, S.B. No. 3187, 2008, was deferred by the Senate  
24 Committee on Intergovernmental and Military Affairs for  
25 consideration of a Resolution instead; and

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27           WHEREAS, the reason for the deferral was that the Committee  
28 believes that building codes are an administrative matter rather  
29 than a statutory enactment; and

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1 WHEREAS, the building code provisions of S.B. No. 3187  
2 would expand Hawaii's capacity for providing long-term care by  
3 allowing residents to preserve their independence while  
4 receiving necessary support services in the community; and  
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6 WHEREAS, the State Building Code Council is familiar with  
7 and has taken up consideration of the provisions of S.B. No.  
8 3187, but has not acted on it yet; and  
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10 WHEREAS, to date, forty-six states have adopted the new  
11 building code provisions for assisted living facilities, which  
12 is necessary for new construction of assisted living facilities  
13 and upgrading of existing facilities, both critical to expanding  
14 long-term care; now, therefore,  
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16 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-fourth  
17 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2008, the  
18 House of Representatives concurring, that the State Building  
19 Code Council is urged to expeditiously adopt provisions in the  
20 International Building Code, 2006 edition, relating to physical  
21 assistance in evacuation for residents in assisted living  
22 facilities or similar facilities; and  
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24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the State Building Code Council  
25 report its findings and recommendations to the Legislature no  
26 later than twenty days prior to the convening of the Regular  
27 Session of 2009; and  
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29 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
30 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Comptroller, the  
31 Executive Director of the State Building Code Council, the  
32 Governor, and the Mayor of each county.  
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