
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO FIRE PROTECTION.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that section 132-9,
2 Hawaii Revised Statutes, which authorizes the county fire chief
3 to approve plans and specifications of any building before work
4 can commence, has not been updated for many years. The county
5 building plan approval process differs from county to county,
6 and the State may also be involved in the approval process for
7 buildings, equipment, materials, installation, or procedure.

8 The purpose of this Act is to ensure that the appropriate
9 department or agency is authorized to approve building plans for
10 all new construction, alterations, or additions to any building
11 or structure in the State.

12 SECTION 2. Section 132-9, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
13 amended to read as follows:

14 "§132-9 Submission of building plans for approval. Before
15 work commences upon the construction of any ~~[building of the~~
16 ~~types hereinafter enumerated, or]~~ new structure, upon [an] a new
17 alteration or new addition to any [building,] property or
18 structure, or upon any equipment, materials, installation, or



1 procedure for any property or structure, the plans and
2 specifications for the work shall be submitted to the [county
3 ~~fire chief.~~] authority having jurisdiction. Neither the person
4 causing the new construction, new alteration, [or] new addition,
5 or equipment, materials, installation, or procedure to be made,
6 nor the person's architect or agent, shall authorize, order, or
7 permit the work thereon to start and no contractor, builder, or
8 other person may start the work, before approval of the plans
9 and specifications by the county [~~fire chief.~~] authority having
10 jurisdiction.

11 ~~[The foregoing provisions shall be applicable to buildings,~~
12 ~~the whole or any part of which are being, or intended to be,~~
13 ~~used as:~~

14 ~~(1) Hospitals, sanitariums, asylums, children's nurseries,~~
15 ~~and other such institutions;~~

16 ~~(2) Hotels, apartment houses, rooming houses, and tenement~~
17 ~~houses; provided that when any such building to be~~
18 ~~constructed or upon which alterations or additions are~~
19 ~~to be made, is only one story high, with living~~
20 ~~accommodations permanently designated and intended for~~
21 ~~less than twenty five persons, this section shall not~~
22 ~~apply;~~



1 ~~(3) Schools, churches, auditoriums, halls, gymnasiums,~~
2 ~~dance halls, nightclubs, factories, office buildings,~~
3 ~~stores, and all other such buildings where persons~~
4 ~~work, congregate, or assemble, provided that when any~~
5 ~~such building to be constructed, or upon which~~
6 ~~alterations or additions are to be made, is only one~~
7 ~~story high, and is permanently designated and intended~~
8 ~~for a total accommodation at any one time of less than~~
9 ~~one hundred persons, this section shall not apply.]~~

10 For purposes of this section, "authority having
11 jurisdiction" means an organization, office, or individual
12 responsible for enforcing the requirements of a code or
13 standard, or for approving equipment, materials, an
14 installation, or a procedure.

15 This section shall be applicable to the State and the
16 counties, and other municipal subdivisions, and their officers,
17 as well as to private persons."

18 SECTION 3. This Act shall apply to any building plans
19 submitted for approval after the effective date of this Act.

20 SECTION 4. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
21 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

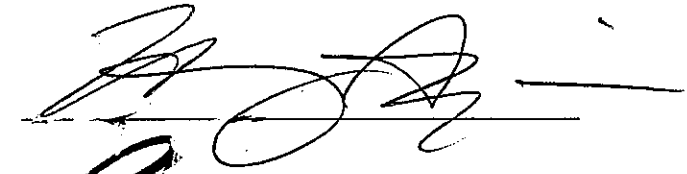
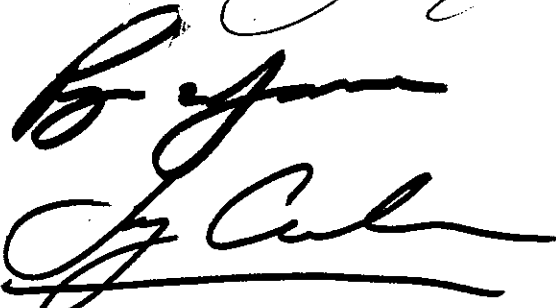

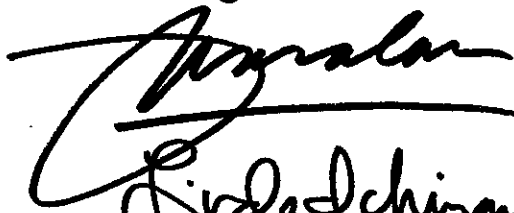



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1 SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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Report Title:

Fire Protection; Submission of Building Plans

Description:

Requires new building plans to be submitted to the authority having jurisdiction, rather than the county fire chief, before construction commences. Defines the term "authority having jurisdiction."

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