

SB 94

RELATING TO BUILDING APPROVALS.

Requires new building plans to be submitted to the proper jurisdictional authority for approval prior to the commencement of work.



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January 31, 2011

The Honorable Will Espero, Chair
Committee on Public Safety, Government
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The State Senate
State Capitol, Room 231
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Chair Espero:

Subject: S.B. 94 Relating to Building Approvals

I am Kenneth G. Silva, Chair of the State Fire Council (SFC) and Fire Chief of the Honolulu Fire Department (HFD). The SFC and the HFD support S.B. 94, which proposes to revise Chapter 132-9, Hawaii Revised Statutes.

This section authorizes the county Fire Chief to approve the plans and specifications of any building before work can commence. The county building plan approval process differs from county to county, and the state may also be involved in the approval process for buildings, equipment, materials, installations, or procedures. This measure ensures that the appropriate department or agency is authorized to approve building plans for new construction or alterations or additions to any building or facility in the state.

The SFC and the HFD urge your committee's support on the passage of S.B. 94.

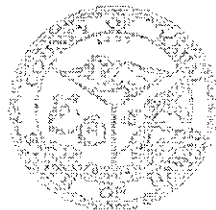
Should you have any questions, please call SFC Administrator Socrates Bratakos at 723-7151.

Sincerely,

KENNETH G. SILVA
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Dear Chair Espero:

Subject: S.B. 94 Relating to Building Approvals

I am Robert F. Westerman, Fire Chief of the Kauai Fire Department (KFD) and a member of the State Fire Council (SFC). The SFC and the KFD support S.B. 94, which proposes to revise Hawaii Revised Statutes 132-9. This section authorizes the county fire chief to approve plans and specifications of any building before work can commence. The county building plan approval process differs from county to county and the State may also be involved in the approval process for buildings, equipment, materials, installation, or a procedure. This measure ensures that the appropriate department or agency is authorized to approve building plans for all new construction, alterations or additions to any building or facility in the State.

The SFC and the KFD urge your committee's support on the passage of S.B. 94.

Please call me at (808) 241-4980 should you have any questions regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Robert Westerman".

Robert Westerman
Fire Chief, County of Kaua'i

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