
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO THE STATE BUILDING CODE.

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

1 SECTION 1. Section 107-22, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
2 amended by amending subsections (a) and (b) to read as follows:

3 "(a) There is established a state building code council.
4 The council shall be placed within the department of accounting
5 and general services for administrative purposes only. The
6 council shall consist of [~~nine~~] eleven voting members and one
7 nonvoting member, who shall be the comptroller or the
8 comptroller's designee. [~~The council members shall serve four-~~
9 ~~year terms as defined in paragraphs (1) to (6).~~] The voting
10 members shall include:

11 (1) One county building official from each of the four
12 counties appointed by the mayor;

13 (2) One member representing the state fire council;

14 [~~(3) One member representing the department of health who~~
15 ~~has significant experience in building mechanical and~~
16 ~~sewage disposal systems;~~



- 1 ~~(4)]~~ (3) One member representing the department of labor
2 and industrial relations who has significant
3 experience in elevator or fire safety;
- 4 (4) One member representing the department of business,
5 economic development, and tourism Hawaii state energy
6 office;
- 7 (5) One member representing the Structural Engineers
8 Association of Hawaii; ~~[and]~~
- 9 (6) One member representing the American Institute of
10 Architects, Hawaii State Council~~[-]~~;
- 11 (7) One member representing the Building Industry
12 Association of Hawaii or the General Contractors
13 Association of Hawaii who has significant experience
14 with building codes; and
- 15 (8) One member representing the Subcontractors Association
16 of Hawaii who has significant experience with building
17 codes.

18 The council members shall serve four-year terms.

19 (b) ~~[Six]~~ Seven voting members shall constitute a quorum.

20 The chairperson of the council shall be elected annually from
21 among its members by a majority vote of the members of the
22 council."



1 SECTION 2. Section 107-24, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
2 amended to read as follows:

3 "[~~§~~§107-24[~~§~~] **Authority and duties of the council.** (a)

4 Any law to the contrary notwithstanding, the council shall
5 establish a recommended comprehensive model state building
6 code[-] that shall be a part of a loss reduction plan that
7 complies with the development of loss mitigation standards in
8 accordance with section 431P-12.

9 (b) The council shall appoint a subcommittee [~~comprised~~
10 ~~of~~] comprising four council members representing county building
11 officials, whose duty shall be to recommend any necessary or
12 desirable state amendments to the model codes[-] and standards
13 identified in section 107-25. Any recommended state amendments
14 shall require the unanimous agreement of the subcommittee. The
15 council shall designate the staggering of the adoption of the
16 codes and standards to be adopted, amended, and updated at a
17 frequency of no later than every two years in accordance with
18 section 107-28. Any recommended staggering of adoptions shall
19 be based on a review and evaluation of the utility of each model
20 code identified in section 107-25 when each edition is
21 published.



1 (c) The council may appoint other investigative, technical
2 expertise committees, which may include council members.

3 (d) The council shall consult with ~~[general]~~ building
4 contractor associations and building trade associations to
5 gather information and recommendations on construction practices
6 and training relevant to building codes and standards.

7 (e) The council shall review the codes and standards
8 identified in section 107-25 and adopt~~[-]~~ recommended state
9 amendments, as appropriate, ~~[new model building codes]~~ pursuant
10 to section 107-24(b), within eighteen months of the official
11 publication date~~[-]~~ of the respective code or standard. At
12 least every two years, the council shall disseminate an itemized
13 report of the substantially uniform code amendments adopted by
14 at least three counties.

15 (f) The council may make expenditures for technical
16 references, equipment and supplies, and other operating
17 expenses, and may contract for the conduct of research studies
18 and other technical services.

19 (g) The council ~~[shall]~~ may provide education and
20 technical training and administrative assistance in the form of
21 services or grants at the state and county levels relating to
22 the implementation and enforcement of the state building code



1 ~~[adopted pursuant to this part.]~~ and loss mitigation standards
2 in accordance with section 431P-12."

3 SECTION 3. Section 107-25, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
4 amended to read as follows:

5 "[~~§~~107-25~~]~~ State] Hawaii state building code;
6 requirements. There is established a Hawaii state building code
7 applicable to all construction in the State of Hawaii. The
8 Hawaii state building code shall include~~[+]~~ the following codes
9 as amended by the substantially uniform code amendments adopted
10 by at least three counties:

11 (1) The ~~[latest edition of the]~~ state fire code as adopted
12 by the state fire council;

13 (2) The ~~[latest edition of the]~~ Uniform Plumbing Code, as
14 copyrighted and published by the International
15 Association of Plumbing and Mechanical Officials,
16 including its appendices;

17 (3) The ~~[latest edition of the]~~ International Building
18 Code, the International Residential Code, and the
19 International Energy Conservation Code, as published
20 by the International Code Council;

21 (4) The National Electrical Code, as published by the
22 National Fire Protection Association;



1 ~~[(4)]~~ (5) Hawaii design standards implementing the criteria
2 pursuant to Act 5, Special Session Laws of Hawaii,
3 2005, as applicable to:

4 (A) Emergency shelters built to comply with hurricane
5 resistant criteria, including enhanced hurricane
6 protection areas capable of withstanding a five
7 hundred year hurricane event as well as other
8 storms and natural hazards; and

9 (B) Essential government facilities requiring
10 continuity of operations; and

11 ~~[(5)]~~ (6) Code provisions based on nationally published
12 codes or standards that include, but are not limited
13 to, residential and hurricane resistive standards for
14 residential construction, ~~[fire,~~] elevator,
15 ~~[electrical, plumbing,~~] mechanical, flood and tsunami,
16 and existing buildings ~~[, and energy conservation~~
17 ~~standards for building design and construction, and~~
18 ~~onsite sewage disposal]."~~

19 SECTION 4. Section 107-27, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
20 amended to read as follows:

21 "~~[\$107-27]~~ ~~[Exemptions.]~~ Design of state buildings. (a)

22 ~~[Upon]~~ No later than one year after adoption of [rules]



1 substantially uniform code amendments by at least three counties
2 under [this chapter,] section 107-28, and as reported by the
3 council under section 107-24(e), the design of all state
4 building construction shall be in compliance with the Hawaii
5 state building code [within one year of its effective date,
6 and], except that state building construction shall be allowed
7 to be exempted from:

- 8 (1) County codes that have not adopted the state building
9 code;
10 (2) Any county code amendments that are inconsistent with
11 the minimum performance objectives of the Hawaii state
12 building code or the objectives enumerated in this
13 part; or
14 (3) Any county code amendments that are contrary to code
15 amendments adopted by another county.

16 (b) Exemptions shall include county ordinances allowing
17 the exercise of indigenous Hawaiian architecture adopted in
18 accordance with section 46-1.55."

19 SECTION 5. Section 107-28, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
20 amended to read as follows:

21 "~~§~~107-28~~§~~ County building code authority to amend and
22 adopt the [state] model state building [code] codes without



1 **state approval.** (a) The governing body of each county shall
2 amend, adopt, and update the model state building code as it
3 applies within its respective jurisdiction, in accordance with
4 section 46-1.5(13), without approval of the council. Each
5 county shall [~~use~~] amend and adopt the model state codes and
6 standards listed in section 107-25, as the referenced model
7 building codes and standards for its respective county building
8 code ordinance, no later than two years after the adoption of
9 [~~the state building code.~~] each of the model codes by the state
10 building code council pursuant to section 107-24.

11 (b) If a county does not amend the [~~statewide~~] model
12 [~~code~~] state codes and standards within the two-year time frame,
13 the model state building [~~code~~] codes defined in section 107-
14 24(e) shall become applicable as an interim county building code
15 until the county adopts [~~the~~] its amendments."

16 SECTION 6. Section 107-29, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
17 amended to read as follows:

18 "[~~+~~]**\$107-29**[~~+~~] **Rules.** The department shall adopt rules
19 pursuant to chapter 91 as may be necessary for the purposes of
20 defining the Hawaii state building code to consist of the codes
21 and standards identified in section 107-25 and any substantially



1 uniform amendments adopted by at least three counties in
2 accordance with this part."

3 SECTION 7. Section 431P-5, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
4 amended by amending subsection (a) to read as follows:

5 "(a) The Hawaii hurricane relief fund shall have the
6 following general powers:

- 7 (1) To sue and be sued;
- 8 (2) To make and alter policies for its organization and
9 internal administration;
- 10 (3) To adopt rules in accordance with chapter 91 to
11 effectuate the purposes of this chapter;
- 12 (4) To borrow moneys, including but not limited to moneys
13 from state or federal sources and to issue notes or
14 other obligations of the fund for the purposes of
15 providing funds for any of its purposes as authorized
16 by the legislature from time to time;
- 17 (5) To pledge, assign, or grant a security interest in all
18 or any part of the moneys, rents, charges,
19 assessments, or other revenue and any proceeds thereof
20 derived by the fund; provided that any pledge,
21 assignment, or grant of security interest shall
22 constitute a lien and security interest on such money,



1 rents, charges, assessments, or other revenue, and any
2 proceeds thereof to the extent and with the priority
3 set forth in the document establishing the pledge,
4 assignment, or security interest, without the
5 necessity for physical delivery, recording, or further
6 act; and provided further that in effectuating any
7 pledge, assignment, or grant of security interest, the
8 fund may do either or both of the following:

9 (A) Transfer possession of collateral to its secured
10 parties; or

11 (B) Execute and cause to be filed at the bureau of
12 conveyances of the State of Hawaii, Uniform
13 Commercial Code financing statements for the
14 purpose of providing notice to third parties of a
15 pledge, assignment, or grant of security
16 interest; provided that any failure to file a
17 financing statement or the filing of a financing
18 statement that contains incomplete or inaccurate
19 information shall not affect the perfected lien
20 and security interest of the pledge, assignment,
21 or grant of security interest; and



- 1 (6) Enter into contracts as necessary to effectuate the
- 2 purposes of this chapter[-]; and
- 3 (7) Provide funding for the state building code council
- 4 for activities that are a part of a loss reduction
- 5 plan that complies with the development of loss
- 6 mitigation standards in accordance with section 431P-
- 7 12."

8 SECTION 8. There is appropriated out of the general
 9 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so
 10 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2013-2014 to
 11 support the state building code council's efforts to adopt a
 12 uniform set of statewide building codes and consistent
 13 standards.

14 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the department of
 15 accounting and general services for the purposes of this Act.

16 SECTION 9. This Act does not affect rights and duties that
 17 matured, penalties that were incurred, and proceedings that were
 18 begun before its effective date.

19 SECTION 10. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
 20 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

21 SECTION 11. This Act shall take effect on January 1, 2050.



Report Title:

Hawaii State Building Code; Appropriation

Description:

Modifies the composition and quorum of the Hawaii State Building Code Council and revises the State Building Code. Provides funding for the State Building Code Council for activities that are a part of a loss reduction plan. Makes an appropriation. Takes effect on 01/01/2050. (SD1)

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