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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 132-9, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
2 amended to read as follows:

3 **"§132-9 Submission of building plans for approval.**

4 ~~[Before work commences upon the construction of any building of~~  
5 ~~the types hereinafter enumerated, or upon an alteration or~~  
6 ~~addition to any building, the plans and specifications for the~~  
7 ~~work shall be submitted to the county fire chief. Neither the~~  
8 ~~person causing the construction, alteration, or addition to be~~  
9 ~~made, nor the person's architect or agent, shall authorize,~~  
10 ~~order, or permit the work thereon to start and no contractor,~~  
11 ~~builder, or other person may start the work, before approval of~~  
12 ~~the plans and specifications by the county fire chief.~~

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

16 ~~(1) Hospitals, sanitariums, asylums, children's nurseries,~~  
17 ~~and other such institutions,~~



1       ~~(2) Hotels, apartment houses, rooming houses, and tenement~~  
2       ~~houses, provided that when any such building to be~~  
3       ~~constructed or upon which alterations or additions are~~  
4       ~~to be made, is only one story high, with living~~  
5       ~~accommodations permanently designated and intended for~~  
6       ~~less than twenty five persons, this section shall not~~  
7       ~~apply;~~

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

17       The county fire chief shall be authorized by each respective  
18       county to require plans or documentation, or both, to show  
19       compliance with the fire code and fire and life safety standards  
20       for the following:

21       (1) Construction, alteration, rehabilitation, or addition  
22       to any building, structure, or property;

1       (2) Change in use of buildings or property, or change in  
2             occupancy; and

3       (3) Installation or alteration of any procedures,  
4             equipment, property or structure for any life safety  
5             or fire protection systems.

6       No work shall be authorized or started before plans and  
7       specifications are approved and necessary permits are issued by  
8       the county fire chief and other agencies having jurisdiction.

9       This section shall be applicable to the State and the  
10      counties, and other municipal subdivisions, and their officers,  
11      as well as to private persons."

12      SECTION 2. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed  
13      and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

14      SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect upon its approval  
15      and shall apply to any building plans submitted for approval  
16      after the effective date of this Act.

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# S.B. NO. 682

**Report Title:**

Fire Protection; Fire and Life Safety Standards; Construction Permits

**Description:**

Clarifies the authority of the county fire chief to examine building plans and documentation to ensure that they are in compliance with the fire code and life safety standards. Requires the approval of plans and issuance of permits before work may begin.

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