
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO THE STATE BUILDING CODE COUNCIL.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that Act 82, Session Laws
2 of Hawaii 2007, established the adoption of a uniform set of
3 statewide building codes to apply consistent standards. Act 82
4 also established a state building code council.

5 The legislature finds, however, that unlike more than half
6 of the states that have a building code council, Hawaii's
7 building code council does not have any representatives from the
8 construction industry and building trades. In the state of
9 Washington, for example, out of a total of fifteen voting
10 members, four council members represent commercial and
11 residential builders, suppliers, and the construction trades.
12 The International Code Council states that at least twenty-five
13 state building code councils include a home builder
14 representative.

15 The purpose of this Act is to reconfigure the membership of
16 the state building code council to increase construction
17 industry and building trade representation on the state building



1 code council and make an appropriation for the state building
2 code council.

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

6 "[~~f~~]**\$107-22**[~~f~~] **State building code council.** (a) There is
7 established a state building code council. The council shall be
8 placed within the department of accounting and general services
9 for administrative purposes only. The council shall consist of
10 [~~nine~~] sixteen voting members and one nonvoting member, who
11 shall be the comptroller or the comptroller's designee. The
12 following council members shall be voting members and shall
13 serve four-year terms [~~as defined in paragraphs (1) to (6).~~ The
14 ~~voting members shall include~~]:

- 15 (1) One county building official from each of the four
16 counties appointed by the mayor;
- 17 (2) One member representing the state fire council;
- 18 [~~(3) One member representing the department of health who~~
19 ~~has significant experience in building mechanical and~~
20 ~~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 Building Industry
5 Association of Hawaii;
- 6 (5) One member representing the General Contractors
7 Association of Hawaii;
- 8 ~~(5)~~ (6) One member representing the Structural Engineers
9 Association of Hawaii; ~~[and]~~
- 10 ~~(6)~~ (7) One member representing the American Institute of
11 Architects, Hawaii State Council~~[-]~~;
- 12 (8) One member representing the Hawaii Construction
13 Alliance;
- 14 (9) One member representing the Subcontractors'
15 Association of Hawaii;
- 16 (10) One member representing the department of business,
17 economic development, and tourism;
- 18 (11) One member representing the department of accounting
19 and general services;
- 20 (12) One member representing the Hawaii Building and
21 Construction Trades Council; and



1 (13) One member representing the American Council of
2 Engineering Companies.

3 (b) [~~Six~~] Nine voting members shall constitute a quorum.
4 The chairperson of the council shall be elected annually from
5 among its members by a majority vote of the members of the
6 council."

7 SECTION 3. Section 107-24, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
8 amended to read as follows:

9 "~~{}~~\$107-24~~{}~~ **Authority and duties of the council.** (a)
10 Any law to the contrary notwithstanding, the council shall
11 establish a comprehensive state building code.

12 (b) The council shall appoint a subcommittee comprised of
13 the four council members representing county building officials,
14 whose duty shall be to recommend any necessary or desirable
15 state amendments to the model codes. Any recommended state
16 amendments shall require the unanimous agreement of the
17 subcommittee.

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

20 ~~[(d) The council shall consult with general building~~
21 ~~contractor associations and building trade associations to~~



1 ~~gather information and recommendations on construction practices~~
2 ~~and training relevant to building codes and standards.~~

3 ~~(e)]~~ (d) The council shall review and adopt, as
4 appropriate, new model building codes within eighteen months of
5 the official publication date.

6 ~~[(f)]~~ (e) The council may make expenditures for technical
7 references, equipment and supplies, and other operating
8 expenses, and may contract for the conduct of research studies
9 and other technical services.

10 ~~[(g)]~~ (f) The council shall provide education and
11 technical training and administrative assistance in the form of
12 services or grants at the state and county levels relating to
13 the implementation and enforcement of the state building code
14 adopted pursuant to this part."

15 SECTION 4. There is appropriated out of the general
16 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so
17 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2013-2014 to
18 support the state building code council's efforts to adopt a
19 uniform set of statewide building codes and consistent
20 standards.

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



1 SECTION 5. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
2 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

3 SECTION 6. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2050.



Report Title:

State Building Code Council; Membership; Authority and Duties; Appropriation

Description:

Reconfigures the membership of the state building code council by eliminating the member from the department of health and adding members from the Building Industry Association; General Contractors Association; Hawaii Construction Alliance; Subcontractors' Association of Hawaii; department of business, economic development, and tourism; department of accounting and general services; Hawaii Building and Construction Trades Council; and American Council of Engineering Companies. Changes the requirements for a quorum from six to nine. Eliminates the council's obligation to consult with private sector representatives regarding construction practices and training. Makes an appropriation. Effective 7/1/2050. (SD2)

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