
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO PUBLIC SAFETY.

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

1 SECTION 1. The state building code council was created in
2 2007, to review and adopt a comprehensive suite of the latest
3 editions of nationally recognized building codes and standards
4 for the State. Timely updated building codes are necessary to
5 ensure compliance with requirements of the National Flood
6 Insurance Program, hurricane and earthquake resiliency
7 standards, energy efficiency, and technological advances in
8 building materials and methods.

9 The legislature finds that staff and operational expenses
10 of the state building code council have never been funded,
11 thereby limiting the effectiveness of the work of the eleven
12 voting members on the council, who are subject matter experts
13 comprised of government and private building industry
14 representatives.

15 The purpose of this Act is to make an appropriation to fund
16 the state building code council's administrative expenses
17 including personnel and equipment costs, and to require the



1 state building code council to develop plans and strategies to
2 secure long-term dedicated funding for council operations.

3 SECTION 2. The state building code council shall develop
4 plans and strategies to secure long-term dedicated funding for
5 council operations. The council shall submit a report of its
6 findings and recommendations, including any proposed
7 legislation, to the legislature no later than twenty days prior
8 to the convening of the regular session of 2017.

9 SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the general
10 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so much
11 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2016-2017 for
12 administrative expenses, including personnel and equipment
13 costs, of the state building code council.

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

16 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2016.
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Report Title:

Public Safety; State Building Code Council; Appropriation

Description:

Makes an appropriation to fund the State Building Code Council's administrative expenses. Requires the Council to develop plans and strategies to secure long-term dedicated funding for Council operations. Appropriates funds.

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