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# 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 the state building  
2 code council was created in 2007 to review and adopt a  
3 comprehensive suite of the latest editions of nationally  
4 recognized building codes and standards for the State of Hawaii.  
5 However, operating expenses for council staff have never been  
6 funded, thereby limiting the effectiveness of the work of the  
7 eleven voting members, who include subject matter experts of  
8 government and private building industry representatives.

9           The legislature further finds that timely updated building  
10 codes are necessary to ensure compliance with requirements of  
11 the National Flood Insurance Program, hurricane and earthquake  
12 resiliency standards, energy efficiency, and technological  
13 advances in building materials and methods.

14           The purpose of this Act is to establish a task force to  
15 consider long-term funding for the state building code council,  
16 and to appropriate funds to the state building code council for



1 administrative staff positions and administrative rulemaking  
2 expenses.

3 SECTION 2. (a) The state building code council shall  
4 convene a task force to consider the necessity, potential  
5 source, and application of long-term dedicated funding for the  
6 council's operations.

7 (b) The task force shall consist of individuals appointed  
8 by the state building code council.

9 (c) The state building code council shall be responsible  
10 for administering the work of the task force, providing a  
11 facilitator, and submitting reports to the legislature.

12 (d) Members of the task force shall serve without  
13 compensation but shall be reimbursed for expenses, including  
14 travel expenses, necessary for the performance of their duties.

15 (e) The task force shall submit a preliminary report of  
16 its findings to the legislature no later than twenty days prior  
17 to the regular session of 2017, and a final report of its  
18 findings and recommendations, including any recommendations for  
19 legislation, to the legislature no later than twenty days prior  
20 to the regular session of 2018.

21 (f) The task force shall cease to exist on June 30, 2018.



1 SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the general  
2 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$150,000 or so much  
3 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2016-2017 for an  
4 executive director, an administrative assistant, or contracted  
5 service for these two positions, and administrative rulemaking  
6 expenses for the state building code council.

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

9 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2016.

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# S.B. NO. 2628

**Report Title:**

State Building Code Council; Task Force; Operating Expenses;  
Appropriation

**Description:**

Establishes a task force within the state building code council to consider the necessity, potential source, and application of long-term funding for council operations, and appropriates funds to the council for administrative expenses and staff positions.

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