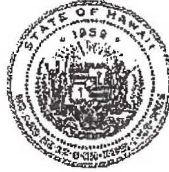


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February 17, 2015

The Honorable Will Espero, Chair
Committee on Public Safety,
Intergovernmental and Military Affairs
State Senate
State Capitol, Room 206
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Chair Espero:

Subject: Senate Bill (SD) 1354 Relating to the Hawaii State Building Codes

I am Manuel P. Neves, Chair of the Hawaii State Fire Council (SFC) and Fire Chief of the Honolulu Fire Department (HFD). The SFC has been a voting member of the State Building Code Council (SBCC) since its formation in 2007. The SFC and the HFD support the intent of SB 1354, and recommends the following revisions:

§107-28 County building code authority to amend and adopt the Hawaii state building codes without council approval. (a) The governing body of each county shall amend, adopt, and update the Hawaii state building codes as it applies within its respective jurisdiction, in accordance with section 46-1.5(13), without approval of the council. Each county shall amend and adopt the Hawaii state building codes and standards listed in section 107-25, as the referenced Hawaii state building codes and standards for its respective county building code ordinance, no later than two years after the adoption of the Hawaii state building codes.

(b) If a county does not amend the Hawaii state codes within the two-year time frame, the Hawaii state building codes shall become applicable as an interim county building code.

(c) If the council fails to update and adopt the Hawaii state building codes as required in section 107-24, the governing body of each county may review and adopt, as appropriate, the [most recent] more current

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codes and standards identified in section 107-25; provided that the codes and standards are not in conflict with chapters 444 and 464.

The SFC proposes replacing "most recent" with "more current" in section 107-28(c) so counties are not required to adopt the most recent codes, but may adopt codes that are more current than the codes adopted by the SBCC.

The SFC and the HFD urge you to approve SB 1354 with the suggested revisions and allow the SBCC to establish minimum requirements to safeguard the health and safety of Hawaii's residents and visitors.

Should you have questions, please contact SFC Administrator Socrates Bratakos at 723-7105 or sbratakos@honolulu.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'M. Neves', with a stylized flourish at the end.

MANUEL P. NEVES
Chair

MPN/LR:clc

February 16, 2015

The Honorable Will Espero, Chair
Committee on Public Safety, Intergovernmental and Military Affairs
State Senate
State Capitol, Room 206
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Chair Espero:

Subject: S.B. 1354 Relating to the Hawaii State Building Codes

I am the Chair of the the State Building Code Council (SBCC), this testimony is on behalf of the SBCC, which supports the intent of this bill and recommends the following revisions:

§107-28 County building code authority to amend and adopt the Hawaii state building codes without council approval. (a) The governing body of each county shall amend, adopt, and update the Hawaii state building codes as it applies within its respective jurisdiction, in accordance with section 46-1.5(13), without approval of the council. Each county shall amend and adopt the Hawaii state building codes and standards listed in section 107-25, as the referenced Hawaii state building codes and standards for its respective county building code ordinance, no later than two years after the adoption of the Hawaii state building codes.

(b) If a county does not amend the Hawaii state codes within the two-year time frame, the Hawaii state building codes shall become applicable as an interim county building code.


(c) If the council fails to update and adopt the Hawaii model state building codes as required in section 107-24, the governing body of each county may review and adopt, as appropriate, the [most recent] "more current" codes and standards identified in section 107-25; provided that the codes and standards are not in conflict with chapters 444 and 464.

The SBCC proposes replacing "most recent" with "more current" in section 107-28 (c) so counties are not required to adopt the most recent codes, but may adopt codes that are more current than the codes adopted by the SBCC.

The SBCC urges you to approve S.B. 1354 with the suggested revisions and allow the SBCC to continue its important work to establish minimum requirements to safeguard public health and safety for the residents and visitors of the State of Hawaii.

Should you have questions, please contact SBCC Chair Timothy Hiu at 768-8120 or thiu@honolulu.gov.

Sincerely,



Timothy Hiu
Chair