



EXECUTIVE CHAMBERS
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DAVID Y. IGE
GOVERNOR

July 10, 2017

GOV. MSG. NO. 1221

The Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi,
President
and Members of the Senate
Twenty-Ninth State Legislature
State Capitol, Room 409
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

The Honorable Scott K. Saiki,
Speaker and Members of the
House of Representatives
Twenty-Ninth State Legislature
State Capitol, Room 431
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

Dear President Kouchi, Speaker Saiki, and Members of the Legislature:

This is to inform you that on July 10, 2017, the following bill was signed into law:

HB1436 HD2 SD1 CD1

RELATING TO AWARDED FEDERAL
EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY HAZARD
MITIGATION GRANT
ACT 120 (17)

Sincerely,

DAVID Y. IGE
Governor, State of Hawai'i

Approved by the Governor
JUL 10 2017
on _____
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
TWENTY-NINTH LEGISLATURE, 2017
STATE OF HAWAII

ORIGINAL
ACT 120
H.B. NO.

1436
H.D. 2
S.D. 1
C.D. 1

A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO AWARDED FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY HAZARD
MITIGATION GRANT.

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

1 SECTION 1. In 2007, the state building code council was
2 created to review and adopt current, nationally-recognized
3 building codes and standards to ensure compliance with
4 requirements of building safety, the National Flood Insurance
5 Program, hurricane and earthquake resiliency standards, energy
6 efficiency, fire safety, and technological advances in building
7 materials and methods.

8 The legislature finds that since funding was never provided
9 to the state building code council for staff and operational
10 expenses, the effectiveness of the council's eleven voting
11 members has been limited.

12 The state building code council applied for federal funds
13 that were available through the Federal Emergency Management
14 Agency Hazard Mitigation Grant Program to fund the adoption of
15 the hurricane and earthquake resiliency standards in the 2012
16 international building code and Hawaii-specific amendments
17 approved by the council.



1 In November 2016, the department of accounting and general
2 services received notification that the Federal Emergency
3 Management Agency Hazard Mitigation Grant Program awarded the
4 State a reimbursement grant for a project entitled "Hawaii state
5 building code administrative rules to implement updated
6 statewide standards for hurricane mitigation". Under terms of
7 the reimbursement grant, the department of accounting and
8 general services is required to use its operating funds to
9 accomplish the project and, after a review, the Federal
10 Emergency Management Agency will reimburse the State up to
11 \$75,000. The \$75,000 award amount comprises:

- 12 (1) \$60,000 for a consultant to provide services to assist
13 the state building code council with the timely
14 performance of all tasks required to complete the
15 Hawaii rulemaking process under chapter 91, Hawaii
16 Revised Statutes, including publication and
17 advertising costs required for a public hearing; and
18 (2) \$15,000 for management of the consultant contract by
19 the department of accounting and general services.

20 The volunteer members of the state building code council
21 will also provide an additional in-kind soft match of \$25,000



1 for the State. The Federal Emergency Management Agency hazard
2 mitigation grant will enable the state building code council to
3 fulfill its statutory obligation to update the state building
4 code once every six years. The latest update occurred in 2010
5 and was based on the 2006 international building code, which is
6 four versions behind the latest version. Hawaii is among the
7 last few states using an obsolete building code that is
8 considered inadequate by the Federal Emergency Management Agency
9 and this situation jeopardizes timely, Federal Emergency
10 Management Agency post-disaster aid to Hawaii.

11 The purpose of this Act is to appropriate funds for the
12 state building code council to update the state building code
13 standards for hurricane mitigation and secure a reimbursement
14 grant from the Federal Emergency Management Agency Hazard
15 Mitigation Grant Program.

16 SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general
17 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$75,000 or so much
18 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2017-2018 for the
19 state building code council to update the state building code
20 standards for hurricane mitigation and secure a reimbursement
21 grant from the Federal Emergency Management Agency Hazard



1 Mitigation Grant Program; provided that all reimbursements from
2 the Federal Emergency Management Agency grant described in this
3 section for any portion of the sum appropriated under this
4 section shall be deposited into the general fund.

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

7 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2017.

APPROVED this 10 day of JUL , 2017



GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF HAWAII



HB No. 1436, HD 2, SD 1, CD 1

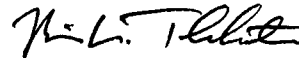
THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF HAWAII

Date: May 2, 2017
Honolulu, Hawaii

We hereby certify that the above-referenced Bill on this day passed Final Reading in the House of Representatives of the Twenty-Ninth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2017.



Joseph M. Souki
Speaker
House of Representatives

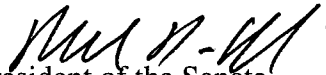



Brian L. Takeshita
Chief Clerk
House of Representatives

THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII

Date: May 2, 2017
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

We hereby certify that the foregoing Bill this day passed Final Reading in the
Senate of the Twenty-ninth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2017.


President of the Senate


Clerk of the Senate