

JAN 15 2020

A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO STATE BUILDING CODE.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that, Act 82, Session
2 Laws of Hawaii 2007, established the state building code
3 council, codified as part II of chapter 107, Hawaii Revised
4 Statutes, to adopt a uniform set of statewide building codes
5 applicable to one and two family dwellings, all other
6 residential uses, and commercial and industrial buildings, and
7 state buildings to make it possible for building owners,
8 designers, contractors, and code enforcers within the State to
9 apply consistent standards. Act 164, Session Laws of Hawaii
10 2014, amended part II of chapter 107, Hawaii Revised Statutes,
11 by refining and clarifying provisions relating to the state
12 building code council and the adoption of Hawaii state building
13 codes and standards. The International Building Code is
14 currently being considered for adoption by all counties. The
15 health and safety considerations related to the codes are of
16 statewide interest, especially relating to emergency disaster



1 preparedness or parcels, current zoned parcels with or without
2 buildings, and redevelopment projects.

3 The legislature further finds that the state building code
4 council is comprised of four government officials, two private
5 design professionals, and one seat shared by either a
6 representative from the General Contractor Association or the
7 Building Industry Association of Hawaii. Since its creation,
8 the state building code council has struggled with limited
9 funding and staffing support. With a majority of government
10 officials on the council, the private sector has voiced concerns
11 that codes not dealing with public health or safety are adopted
12 with little or no consideration given for increasing overall
13 construction costs in Hawaii.

14 The code adoption process ultimately rests with each
15 individual county. As the recommended commercial and
16 residential codes are updated and adopted every three years at
17 the national level, the two-step process in Hawaii results in
18 codes taking longer to be adopted and not meeting the intent of
19 Act 82, Session Laws of Hawaii, which was to adopt a uniform set
20 of statewide building codes. The legislature now finds that the
21 two-step process established under Act 82, Session Laws of



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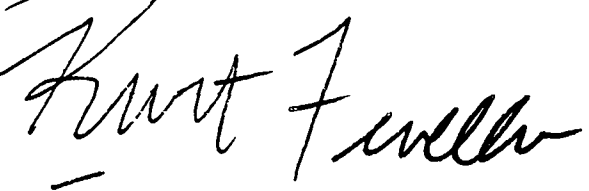
1 Hawaii, creates a more prolonged process and does not the
2 desired result of a uniform building code throughout the state.

3 The purpose of this Act is to repeal the state building
4 code council.

5 SECTION 2. Chapter 107, part II, Hawaii Revised Statutes,
6 is repealed.

7 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.
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INTRODUCED BY:



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Report Title:

State Building Code Council; Repeal

Description:

Repeals the state building code council.

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