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A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS.

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

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 107, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
2 amended by adding a new section to part II to be appropriately
3 designated and to read as follows:

4 "§107- Hurricane resistance for new buildings.

5 Beginning on January 1, 2022, no building permit shall be issued
6 for construction of a new building unless the applicant provides
7 sufficient proof that the building will be able to withstand
8 category four hurricanes."

9 SECTION 2. Section 107-27, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
10 amended to read as follows:

11 "§107-27 Design of [state] public buildings. (a) No
12 later than one year after the adoption of codes or standards
13 pursuant to section 107-24(c), the design of all state building
14 construction shall be in compliance with the Hawaii state
15 building codes, except state building construction shall be
16 allowed to be exempted from:



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1 (1) County codes that have not adopted the Hawaii state
2 building codes;

3 (2) Any county code amendments that are inconsistent with
4 the minimum performance objectives of the Hawaii state
5 building codes or the objectives enumerated in this
6 part; or

7 (3) Any county code amendments that are contrary to code
8 amendments adopted by another county.

9 (b) Exemptions shall include county ordinances allowing
10 the exercise of indigenous Hawaiian architecture adopted in
11 accordance with section 46-1.55.

12 (c) The State shall consider hurricane resistant criteria
13 when designing and constructing new public schools for the
14 capability of providing shelter refuge.

15 (d) Beginning on January 1, 2022, building permits shall
16 be obtained for work performed for state government agencies on
17 all new public buildings. New public buildings shall be
18 designed to withstand category five hurricanes."

19 SECTION 3. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
20 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

21 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.



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Report Title:

Disaster Preparedness; Building Codes; Building Permits

Description:

Beginning 1/1/2022, prohibits the issuance of building permits for new building construction unless the applicant provides sufficient proof that the building will be able to withstand category four hurricanes. Beginning 1/1/2022, requires building permits to be obtained for work performed for state government agencies on all new public buildings, and requires new public buildings to be designed to withstand category five hurricanes.

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