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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

URGING THE INTERNATIONAL CODE COUNCIL TO EXTEND THE TIMEFRAME
BETWEEN MODEL CODE UPDATES AND ADOPTION PROCESSES AND TAKE
A MORE BALANCED AND DELIBERATIVE APPROACH TO CODE
REVISIONS.

1 WHEREAS, the International Code Council plays a vital role
2 in establishing and revising model building codes that impact
3 construction standards worldwide; and
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5 WHEREAS, the current model code adoption schedule imposes
6 stringent timelines that present significant challenges to
7 jurisdictions and industry stakeholders with respect to
8 implementation, compliance, and associated costs; and
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10 WHEREAS, frequent updates to building codes require
11 substantial financial and administrative investments from
12 municipalities, developers, and construction professionals,
13 which increases burdens on entities in both the public and
14 private sectors; and
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16 WHEREAS, the rapid pace of code revisions does not provide
17 sufficient time for comprehensive evaluation, public input, and
18 industry adaptation, which leads to increased costs, project
19 delays, and logistical inefficiencies; and
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21 WHEREAS, extending the timeframe between adoption processes
22 would enable stakeholders to better analyze, budget for, and
23 implement necessary changes, which would lead to improvements in
24 compliance, safety standards, and economic feasibility; and
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26 WHEREAS, the length of time that county planning
27 departments take to review and approve projects is significantly
28 affected by the frequent adoption of new building codes, which
29 leads to extended delays, administrative bottlenecks, and
30 increased costs for developers and homeowners; and
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1 WHEREAS, extending the timeframe between code adoption
2 processes would also encourage more thorough stakeholder
3 engagement, make new regulations more practical, and ensure
4 smoother transitions to revised standards; now, therefore,
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6 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Thirty-third
7 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2025, the
8 House of Representatives concurring, that the International Code
9 Council is urged to:

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11 (1) Extend the timeframe between model code updates and
12 adoption processes, to allow for greater industry
13 preparation, cost mitigation, and regulatory
14 efficiency; and
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16 (2) Take a more balanced and deliberative approach to code
17 revisions to ensure that all impacted parties have
18 adequate time to assess, plan, and implement necessary
19 changes without undue financial and operational
20 burdens; and
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22 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all recipients of this
23 Concurrent Resolution are urged to advocate for a more
24 sustainable and effective code adoption schedule; and
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26 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
27 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Comptroller,
28 Chairperson of the State Building Code Council, Chair of each
29 County Council in the State of Hawaii, President of the Board of
30 Directors of the International Code Council, Chief Executive
31 Officer of the International Association of Plumbing and
32 Mechanical Officials, President and Chief Executive Officer of
33 the National Fire Protection Association, and President and
34 Chief Executive Officer of the National Association of Home
35 Builders.
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