

JAN 25 2023

A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO THE STATE BUILDING CODE COUNCIL.

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

1 SECTION 1. Section 107-22, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
2 amended by amending subsection (a) to read as follows:

3 "(a) There is established a state building code council.
4 The council shall be placed within the department of accounting
5 and general services for administrative purposes only. The
6 council shall consist of [~~eleven~~] twelve voting members and one
7 nonvoting member, who shall be the comptroller or the
8 comptroller's designee. The council members shall serve four-
9 year terms. The voting members shall include:

10 (1) One county building official from each of the four
11 counties appointed by the mayor;

12 (2) One member representing the state fire council;

13 (3) One member representing the department of labor and
14 industrial relations who has significant experience in
15 elevator safety;

16 (4) One member representing the state energy office of the
17 department of business, economic development, and
18 tourism;

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- 1 (5) One member representing the Structural Engineers
2 Association of Hawaii;
- 3 (6) One member representing the American Institute of
4 Architects, Hawaii State Council;
- 5 (7) One member representing the Building Industry
6 Association of Hawaii or the General Contractors
7 Association of Hawaii, who has significant experience
8 with building codes, with alternating four-year terms
9 between the two organizations and the first four-year
10 term to be served by the Building Industry Association
11 of Hawaii; [~~and~~]
- 12 (8) One member representing the Subcontractors'
13 Association of Hawaii who has significant experience
14 with building codes[-]; and
- 15 (9) One member representing the Hawaii emergency
16 management agency appointed by the director of Hawaii
17 emergency management."

18 SECTION 2. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
19 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

20 SECTION 3. This Act, upon its approval, shall take effect
21 on July 1, 2023.

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BY REQUEST

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Report Title:

State Building Code Council; Members

Description:

Adds to the State Building Code Council a voting member representing the Hawaii Emergency Management Agency.

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JUSTIFICATION SHEET

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DEPARTMENT: Defense

TITLE: A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE STATE BUILDING CODE COUNCIL.

PURPOSE: To establish one member representing the Hawaii Emergency Management Agency (HI-EMA) as a voting member of the State Building Code Council (SBCC).

MEANS: Amend section 107-22(a), Hawaii Revised Statutes.

JUSTIFICATION: The State of Hawaii has been unsuccessful in obtaining federally funded Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC) grant moneys from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), designed to help communities undertake hazard mitigation projects that would reduce risks from disasters and hazards. A significant obstacle in competing for the BRIC grants has been the State's building code statute, which allows considerable variation from county to county. None of Hawaii's counties meets the most current standards. Additionally, Hawaii has not been rated by a national group as having a high commitment to building code enforcement. Establishing a seat on the council for a representative from the HI-EMA would provide the State with a voice of expertise on how to update the building codes to make Hawaii more competitive in the funding process as well as more resilient to future disasters and hazards. The mission of the SBCC aligns with many functions of HI-EMA, which includes reviewing, implementing, and addressing hazard mitigation strategies for many of the most common impacting hazards in the State: hurricane, floods, winds, tsunami, earthquake, and landslides.

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Impact on the public: The authorization and implementation of this bill would have no known negative impact on the public. It would provide another source of subject matter expertise to assist the SBCC in making decisions to serve the public's needs and it would help better align public safety and emergency management priorities.

Impact on the department and other agencies: The implementation of this bill would have little impact on the State Department of Accounting and General Services, in which the SBCC is placed for administrative purposes.

GENERAL FUND: None.

OTHER FUNDS: None.

PPBS PROGRAM
DESIGNATION: DEF 118.

OTHER AFFECTED
AGENCIES: Department of Accounting and General
Services.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2023.