



INTERNATIONAL BROTHERHOOD OF ELECTRICAL WORKERS LOCAL UNION 1260 EMPOWERING THE PACIFIC

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Senate Committee on Public Safety and Military Affairs

HEARING DATE: Monday, March 24, 2025

TIME: 3:05 p.m.

PLACE: Senate Committee Room 225

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RE: Senate Concurrent Resolution 48/ Senate Resolution 30 - Comments

Aloha Honorable Chair Elefante, Vice-Chair Wakai, and Committee Members;

The International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Local 1260 (IBEW 1260) would like to offer the following **Comments on SCR48 and SR30**.

IBEW Local 1260, is comprised of approximately 3,000 members throughout Hawaii and Guam and consists of a diverse and highly-skilled workforce that supports the electric utility infrastructure across our state as well as government service contracts and broadcasting. We are committed to protecting the well-being of the members we serve and the community at large.

The two resolutions urge 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.

Although we appreciate the intent, we believe the remedies sought in these concurrent resolutions should be applied at the state level, specifically through Chapter 107 and the State Building Code Council.

The International Code Council is one of several national organizations which develop and maintain minimum codes and standards which govern our building industry with the underlying intent and purpose of protecting the health, safety, and welfare of the public.

Other such organizations include the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) which promulgates the Fire Code, the National Electrical Code (NEC) and National Electrical Safety Code (NESC), as well as the International Association of Plumbers and Mechanical Officials (IAPMO) which promulgates the Uniform Plumbing Code (UPC) and the Uniform Mechanical Code (UMC).

These organizations go through extensive processes involving building officials, industry professionals, and industry stakeholders that update nationally recognized minimum codes and standards that ensure public health, safety, and welfare; improve efficiencies and reduce costs across the construction industry and built environment.

Respectfully, we recommend SCR48 and SR30 be deferred. Mahalo for the opportunity to provide comments on these resolutions.

SR-30

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Dylan P. Armstrong	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

If you want to have 200,000 displaced persons and 20,000 dead residents, letting outdated building inventory accumulate without any meaningful change in new construction is a great way to do it.

A single Category 3 hurricane on South O'ahu will in fact obliterate Honolulu. But Cat 4 and Cat 5's are also very probable, as well as these storms striking other islands like Maui.

I regretfully must oppose further degrading Hawai'i's lack of compliance on building codes.

Your friend,
Dylan P. Armstrong