
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO FIRE PROTECTION.

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

1 SECTION 1. Section 132-5, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
2 amended to read as follows:

3 "**§132-5 Right of entry for inspection; unlawful to**
4 **obstruct.** The county fire chief or the chief's designees, at
5 all reasonable hours may enter any buildings, structures, or
6 premises within the fire chief's jurisdiction, except the
7 interior of private dwellings, to make any inspection,
8 investigation, or examination that is authorized to be made
9 under this chapter. The county fire chief or the chief's
10 designees may enter any private dwelling whenever the fire chief
11 or the chief's designees have reason to believe that dangerous
12 conditions creating a fire hazard exist in the dwelling. The
13 county fire chief or the chief's designees may enter any private
14 dwelling when a fire has occurred in the dwelling. It shall be
15 unlawful to obstruct, hinder, or delay any person having the
16 right to make the inspection, investigation, or examination in
17 the performance of duty.



1 The county fire chief or the chief's designees [~~shall make~~
2 ~~an inspection of all state owned or county owned~~] may inspect
3 all buildings and facilities, except state-owned airport
4 facilities, the frequency of which shall be made in accordance
5 with section 132-6, and shall make a report to the authorities
6 responsible for the maintenance of any [~~state owned or county~~
7 ~~owned~~] building or facility when it is found that a building or
8 facility does not meet minimum standards of fire and safety
9 protection."

10 SECTION 2. Section 132-6, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
11 amended by amending subsections (a) and (b) to read as follows:

12 "(a) Each county fire chief, in person or by officers or
13 members of the fire chief's fire department designated by the
14 fire chief for that purpose, shall inspect all buildings,
15 premises, and public thoroughfares, except the interiors of
16 private dwellings and state-owned airport facilities, for the
17 purpose of ascertaining and causing to be corrected any
18 conditions liable to cause fire or any violation of any law,
19 ordinance, rule, or order relating to fire hazard or to the
20 prevention of fires.

21 (b) The inspection shall be made at least once [~~each~~]:

22 (1) Each year at all public schools[, ~~and every two~~]; and



1 (2) Every five years, or as often as deemed practicable or
2 necessary by the county fire chief~~[7]~~ at all other
3 ~~[faeilities]~~ buildings and premises,
4 to provide fire prevention and pre-fire planning within the
5 jurisdiction of the county fire chief. The State shall conduct
6 fire and safety inspections at all state-owned airport
7 facilities at least once a year."

8 SECTION 3. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
9 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

10 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2020.



Report Title:

State Fire Council Package; Fire Protection; Inspections

Description:

Clarifies that county fire chiefs or their designees may inspect all buildings and facilities, except state-owned airport facilities. Provides that frequency of inspections of buildings other than public schools shall be conducted once every five years or as deemed practicable or necessary rather than every two years. Effective July 1, 2020. (SB564 HD1)

