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A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO BUILDING APPROVALS.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that section 132-9,
2 Hawaii Revised Statutes, which authorizes the county fire chief
3 to approve plans and specifications of any building before work
4 may commence, has not been updated for many years. The
5 legislature also finds that the county building plan approval
6 process differs from county to county and the State may also be
7 involved in the approval process for buildings, equipment,
8 materials, installations, or procedures. Accordingly, the
9 purpose of this Act is to ensure that the appropriate department
10 or office is authorized to approve building plans for all new
11 construction, alterations, or additions to any building or
12 structure located within the State, and to approve equipment,
13 materials, installations, or procedures associated with the
14 plans.

15 SECTION 2. Section 132-9, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
16 amended to read as follows:

17 "**§132-9 Submission of building plans for approval.** Before
18 work commences upon the construction of any [~~building of the~~



1 ~~types hereinafter enumerated,~~ new structure, or upon [~~an~~] a new
2 alteration or new addition to any [building,] property or
3 structure, or before any associated equipment, materials,
4 installations, or procedures are expended, the plans and
5 specifications for the work shall be submitted to the [county
6 fire chief.] proper jurisdictional authority. The proper
7 jurisdictional authority shall mean the department, office,
8 agency, or individual responsible for enforcing the requirements
9 of the applicable code or standard at issue, and for approving
10 equipment, materials, installations, or procedures associated
11 with the proposed plans. Neither the person causing the new
12 construction, new alteration, or new addition [to be made, nor
13 the person's architect or agent], or proposing equipment,
14 materials, installations, or procedures shall authorize, order,
15 or permit the work thereon to start and no contractor, builder,
16 or other person may start the work, before approval of the plans
17 and specifications by the [county fire chief.] proper
18 jurisdictional authority.

19 ~~[The foregoing provisions shall be applicable to buildings,~~
20 ~~the whole or any part of which are being, or intended to be,~~
21 ~~used as:~~



- 1 ~~(1) Hospitals, sanitariums, asylums, children's nurseries,~~
2 ~~and other such institutions;~~
- 3 ~~(2) Hotels, apartment houses, rooming houses, and tenement~~
4 ~~houses; provided that when any such building to be~~
5 ~~constructed or upon which alterations or additions are~~
6 ~~to be made, is only one story high, with living~~
7 ~~accommodations permanently designated and intended for~~
8 ~~less than twenty five persons, this section shall not~~
9 ~~apply;~~
- 10 ~~(3) Schools, churches, auditoriums, halls, gymnasiums,~~
11 ~~dance halls, nightclubs, factories, office buildings,~~
12 ~~stores, and all other such buildings where persons~~
13 ~~work, congregate, or assemble; provided that when any~~
14 ~~such building to be constructed, or upon which~~
15 ~~alterations or additions are to be made, is only one~~
16 ~~story high, and is permanently designated and intended~~
17 ~~for a total accommodation at any one time of less than~~
18 ~~one hundred persons, this section shall not apply.]~~

19 This section shall be applicable to the State and the
20 counties, and other municipal subdivisions, and their officers,
21 as well as to private persons."



1 SECTION 3. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
2 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

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

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Report Title:

Building Plans; Approvals; Jurisdictional Authority

Description:

Requires new building plans to be submitted to the proper jurisdictional authority for approval prior to the commencement of work.

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