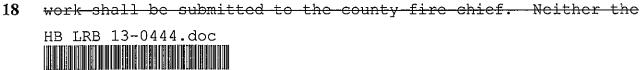
н.в. NO. 241

### A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO FIRE PROTECTION.

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

1 SECTION 1. The purpose of this Act is to clarify and update the authority of the county fire chief to review plans 2 and specifications for the construction, alteration, and other 3 installations for buildings or properties, as authorized by each 4 5 county. This section of statute used language that was 6 applicable over thirty years ago. Building occupancies and 7 classifications have since changed and each county fire chief's 8 plans review authority varies depending on agreements with their 9 respective building officials. This Act broadly defines the fire chief's jurisdictional authority to review building plans 10 for all counties as determined by the adopted fire code. 11 SECTION 2. Section 132-9, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is 12 amended to read as follows: 13 14 "§132-9 Submission of building plans for approval. 15 [Before work commences upon the construction of any building of 16 the types hereinafter enumerated, or upon an alteration or addition to any building, the plans and specifications for the 17



1	person causing the construction, alteration, or addition to be		
2	made, nor	the person's architect or agent, shall authorize,	
3	<del>order, or</del>	permit the work thereon to start and no contractor,	
4	<del>builder,</del>	or other person may start the work, before approval of	
5	the plans	and specifications by the county fire chief.	
6	<del>The</del>	foregoing provisions shall be applicable to buildings,	
7	the whole	or any part of which are being, or intended to be,	
8	used as:		
9	<del>(1)</del>	Hospitals, sanitariums, asylums, children's nurseries,	
10		and other such institutions;	
11	<del>(2)</del>	Hotels, apartment houses, rooming houses, and tenement	
12		houses; provided that when any such building to be	
13		constructed or upon which alterations or additions are	
14		to be made, is only one story high, with living	
15		accommodations permanently designated and intended for	
16		less-than twenty-five persons, this section shall not	
17		apply;	
18	<del>(3)</del>	Schools, churches, auditoriums, halls, gymnasiums,	
19		dance-halls, nightclubs, factories, office buildings,	
20		stores, and all other such buildings where persons	
21		work, congregate, or assemble; provided that when any	
22		such building to be constructed, or-upon-which	



1		alterations or additions are to be made, is only one
2		story-high; and is permanently designated and intended
3		for a total accommodation at any one time of less than
4		one hundred persons, this section shall not apply.
5	The count	y fire chief shall be authorized by each county's
6	jurisdict	ion to require plans, and/or documentation to show
7	complianc	e with the fire code and fire and life safety standards
8	for the f	ollowing:
9	(1)	Construction, alteration, rehabilitation, or addition
10		to any building, structure, or property;
11	(2)	Change in use of buildings or property, or change in
12		occupancy; and
13	(3)	Installation or alteration of any procedures,
14		equipment, property or structure for any life safety
15		or fire protection systems.
16	No work shall be authorized or started before plans and	
17	<u>specifica</u>	tions are approved by the county fire chief and other
18	agencies	having jurisdiction, and the issuance of approved
19	permits.	
20	This	section shall be applicable to the State and the
21	counties,	and other municipal subdivisions, and their officers,
22	as well a	s to private persons."



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1 SECTION 3. This Act shall apply to any building plans 2 submitted for approval after the effective date of this Act. 3 SECTION 4. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed and stricken. New statutory material is underscored. 4 5 SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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#### Report Title:

State Fire Council Package; Fire Chiefs; Fire Code; Life Safety Standards; Construction

#### Description:

Authorizes the county fire chiefs to require that various types of construction comply with the fire code.

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