
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO LABOR.

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

1 SECTION 1. Given that Hawaii's labor landscape comprises
2 numerous private sector labor organizations, the legislature
3 finds that it is in the best interest of the public that laws
4 reflect appropriate jurisdictions of each of the trades.
5 Various factors inherently dictate how work is allocated to
6 labor organizations. These factors include traditional
7 jurisdictions, type of craft, scope of work, and relevant
8 building code. Altering any of these factors potentially
9 impacts the nature of the work performed and the applicable
10 labor organization and its members.

11 The legislature further finds that it is imperative to
12 balance the preservation of work for the members of the labor
13 organizations with the health and safety of construction
14 projects and the ultimate value to taxpayers. Health, safety,
15 efficacy, and cost should be a consideration in construction
16 projects. Hawaii continues to face high costs of construction



1 as the State and counties continue to explore how to create more
2 affordable housing and transit-oriented development.

3 The purpose of this Act is to ensure building codes that
4 directly affect labor organizations and their members account
5 for cost as well as quality and experience in work performed in
6 construction projects.

7 SECTION 2. Section 107-25, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
8 amended to read as follows:

9 "§107-25 Hawaii state building codes; requirements. (a)

10 There is established the Hawaii state building codes applicable
11 to all construction in the State of Hawaii. The Hawaii state
12 building codes shall be based upon:

13 (1) The state fire code as adopted by the state fire
14 council;

15 (2) The Uniform Plumbing Code, as copyrighted and
16 published by the International Association of Plumbing
17 and Mechanical Officials, including its appendices;

18 (3) The International Building Code, the International
19 Residential Code, and the International Energy
20 Conservation Code, as published by the International
21 Code Council;



(4) The National Electrical Code, as published by the
National Fire Protection Association;

(5) Hawaii design standards implementing the criteria
pursuant to Act 5, Special Session Laws of Hawaii,
2005, as applicable to:

(A) Emergency shelters built to comply with hurricane
resistant criteria, including enhanced hurricane
protection areas capable of withstanding a five
hundred-year hurricane event as well as other
storms and natural hazards; and

(B) Essential government facilities requiring
continuity of operations; and

(6) Code provisions based on nationally published codes or
standards that include but are not limited to
residential and hurricane resistant standards related
to loss mitigation standards in accordance with
section 431P-12, elevator, mechanical, flood and
tsunami, existing buildings, and onsite sewage
disposal.

(b) State projects shall be designed and constructed using
a code that is the most cost effective for a state project,



1 including the use of an alternative code that corresponds to the
2 applicable code of trade or area of construction as provided in
3 paragraphs (2), (3), and (4) of subsection (a); provided that:

4 (1) The alternative code shall be more cost effective than
5 the applicable code of trade or area of construction
6 specified in subsection (a);

7 (2) The prescriptive design of the alternative code does
8 not negatively affect the performance of the project
9 or public safety and health; and

10 (3) The alternative code is approved by the council."

11 SECTION 3. New statutory material is underscored.

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

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Report Title:

State Building Codes; Alternative Codes; Health and Safety;
Labor

Description:

Requires state projects to be designed and constructed using an alternative code that is most cost effective to a project, subject to certain conditions, including health and safety.

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