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A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO BEST PRACTICES FOR BUILDING CODE ADMINISTRATION.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds professionally trained
2 building code officials, inspectors, and permit counter staff
3 are assets to facilitating a consistent and efficient regulatory
4 permitting process. The legislature also finds that periodic
5 retrospective review of permit applications, review processes,
6 and methods of approval can result in more resilient and
7 sustainable buildings, help increase affordable housing options,
8 and enhance our state economy to the benefit of all Hawaii's
9 citizens. The legislature further finds action is needed to
10 assist governmental entities to employ resources or
11 organizational tools and to identify and implement best
12 practices at the building code permitting agencies to address
13 persistent barriers to affordability as identified in the
14 "Report of the Governor's Affordable Housing Regulatory Barriers
15 Task Force", December 2008, which states, "In the context of
16 building homes that are affordable, government regulations often
17 work against developing an affordable product".



1 The purpose of this Act is to establish the building permit
2 agency best-practices grant program within the Hawaii state
3 building code council to provide the counties with matching
4 funds to seek building permit agency best-practices
5 accreditation or building department accreditation from the
6 International Accreditation Service, either of which involves
7 peer evaluation of current practices against nationally
8 developed best practices so any identified shortcomings can be
9 effectively bridged.

10 SECTION 2. Chapter 107, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
11 amended by adding two new sections to part II to be
12 appropriately designated and to read as follows:

13 "§107- Building permit agency best-practices grant
14 program; established. (a) There is established within the
15 council the building permit agency best-practices grant program.
16 The building permit agency best-practices grant program shall
17 assist the counties by providing matching grant funds to the
18 counties to finance the associated costs of seeking building
19 permit agency accreditation or building department accreditation
20 through the International Accreditation Service.



1 (b) The building permit agency best-practices grant
2 program shall provide matching grant funds to each county in an
3 amount equal to the amount allocated by the county for the
4 purposes set forth in subsection (a), which may include funds
5 donated privately by businesses or associations for the purposes
6 set forth in subsection (a) and in-kind employee hours; provided
7 that no more than \$25,000 shall be provided to any specific
8 county.

9 (c) The council shall adopt rules, pursuant to chapter 92
10 and exempt from chapter 91, to effectuate this section.

11 §107- Building permit agency best-practices grant
12 program special fund; established. There is established in the
13 state treasury the building permit agency best-practices grant
14 program special fund to be administered by the council and into
15 which shall be deposited appropriations made by the legislature.
16 Moneys in the special fund shall be used to provide matching
17 grant funds under the building permit agency best-practices
18 grant program."

19 SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the general
20 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$100,000 or so much
21 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2018-2019 to be



1 deposited into the building permit agency best-practices grant
2 program special fund.

3 SECTION 4. There is appropriated out of the building
4 permit agency best-practices grant program special fund the sum
5 of \$100,000 or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal
6 year 2018-2019 for the building permit agency best-practices
7 grant program.

8 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the state
9 building code council for the purposes of this Act.

10 SECTION 5. New statutory material is underscored.

11 SECTION 6. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2018.

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Report Title:

Building Permit Agency; Best-Practices Grant Program; State Building Code Council; Counties; Special Fund; Appropriation

Description:

Establishes the building permit agency best-practices grant program with the Hawaii state building code council and the building permit agency best-practices grant program special fund. Appropriates funds for the building permit agency best-practices grant program.

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