A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO GAS.

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

- 1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that home safety is of
- 2 significant importance for families, especially those with
- 3 children.
- 4 The legislature also finds that recent studies have shown
- 5 that use of gas appliances can diminish indoor air quality and
- 6 affect human health, especially developing children. Gas
- 7 appliances commonly lead to gas leaks, which may cause fires or
- 8 explosions.
- 9 The purpose of this Act is to:
- 10 (1) Require all dwellings constructed after December 31,
- 11 2021, that are serviced by gas utilities to be
- constructed with gas detection systems installed; and
- 13 (2) Require notice to prospective buyers about the
- 14 potential hazards of gas appliances.
- 15 SECTION 2. Chapter 196, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
- 16 amended by adding a new section to be appropriately designated
- 17 and to read as follows:



1	"§196- Gas detection systems; required. Beginning
2	January 1, 2022, no building permit shall be issued for a new
3	dwelling for residential use that is serviced by a gas utility
4	that does not include an installed gas detection system."
5	SECTION 3. Chapter 508D, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
6	amended by adding a new section to be appropriately designated
7	and to read as follows:
8	"§508D- Notice; gas appliances. In addition to the
9	disclosures required by this chapter, when a seller is selling
10	residential real property that is serviced by a gas utility, the
11	seller shall provide a notice to the buyer, which the buyer
12	shall sign and acknowledge, stating that:
13	(1) Gas appliances may cause diminished indoor air
14	quality, which may impact human health; and
15	(2) Gas leaks may cause dangerous fires or explosions."
16	SECTION 4. New statutory material is underscored.
17	SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.
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Report Title:

Gas Appliances; Notice; Gas Detection Systems; Residential Construction

Description:

Beginning January 1, 2022, requires all residential dwellings that are serviced by gas utilities to be constructed with gas detection systems installed. Requires sellers of residential real property to provide notice of the potential hazards of gas appliances.

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