
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO THE STATE BUILDING CODE COUNCIL.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that through November
2 2021, the statewide year-to-date median sales price was \$879,250
3 for a single-family home and \$556,125 for a condominium. The
4 legislature further finds that the 2021 year-to-date cost of
5 residential construction on Oahu is \$308 per square foot for a
6 single-family home and \$278.80 per square foot for high-rise
7 buildings.

8 The legislature also finds that building codes and
9 standards passed by the International Code Council add to the
10 cost of housing construction and reduce affordability. In
11 determining whether to adopt international standards, the state
12 building code council should assess the financial impact of
13 changes to the construction costs, and the impact on amortized
14 utility costs, for single-family and multi-family homes in the
15 State.

16 Accordingly, the purpose of this Act is to require the
17 state building code council to:



(1) Consult with building industry trade associations to gather cost data on the implementation of certain codes or standards and calculate the financial impact of those building codes and standards, including amortized utility costs, on the cost of single-family and multi-family homes built in the State; and

(2) Include the cost provided by building industry trade associations on certain codes and standards adopted by the council in the annual written report submitted to the governor.

SECTION 2. Section 107-24, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended to read as follows:

"§107-24 Authority and duties of the council. (a) Any law to the contrary notwithstanding, the council shall establish the Hawaii state building codes.

(b) The council shall appoint a subcommittee comprising the four council members representing county building officials, whose duty shall be to recommend any necessary or desirable state amendments to the codes and standards identified in section 107-25. Any recommended state amendments shall require the unanimous agreement of the subcommittee.



1 (c) The council shall adopt, amend, or update codes and
2 standards identified in section 107-25 on a staggered basis as
3 established by the council; provided that adoption of a code or
4 standard shall be within two years of the official publication
5 date of the code or standard, pursuant to chapter 92, and exempt
6 from the requirements of chapter 91. If the council does not
7 adopt a code or standard identified in section 107-25 within the
8 two-year time period, that code or standard shall automatically
9 become part of the Hawaii state building code until superseded
10 by the adoption of an amended version of the code or standard by
11 the council pursuant to this subsection.

12 (d) The council may appoint other investigative, technical
13 expertise committees, which may include council members.

14 (e) The council shall consult with general building
15 contractor associations and building industry trade associations
16 to gather information and recommendations on construction
17 practices and training relevant to building codes and standards.

18 (f) When considering the adoption of any code or standard,
19 the council shall consult with building industry trade
20 associations to gather cost data on the implementation of the
21 code or standard to calculate the financial impact of the code



1 or standard on the cost of single-family and multi-family homes
2 built in the State, including the impact of the code or standard
3 on amortized utility costs for single-family and multi-family
4 homes; provided that this subsection shall not apply to codes
5 and standards that have a primary purpose and function of
6 safeguarding life, property, and general welfare collectively.

7 ~~[(f)]~~ (g) The council may make expenditures for technical
8 references, equipment and supplies, and other operating
9 expenses, and may contract for the conduct of research studies
10 and other technical services.

11 ~~[(g)]~~ (h) The council may provide education and technical
12 training and administrative assistance in the form of services
13 or grants at the state and county levels relating to the
14 implementation and enforcement of the Hawaii state building
15 codes adopted pursuant to this part.

16 ~~[(h)]~~ (i) At the end of each fiscal year, the council
17 shall submit a written report to the governor on the council's
18 activities, including the codes and standards adopted, amended,
19 or updated by the council. The written report shall include the
20 cost provided by building industry trade associations on each
21 code and standard adopted by the council to determine whether



1 the codes and standards substantially benefit residents of the
2 State; provided that this subsection shall not apply to codes
3 and standards that have a primary purpose and function of
4 safeguarding life, property, and general welfare collectively."

5 SECTION 3. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
6 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

7 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on January 1, 2050.
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Report Title:

State Building Code Council; Building Codes and Standards;
Financial Impacts

Description:

Requires the state building code council to consult with building industry trade associations to gather cost data on the implementation of certain building codes or standards and calculate the financial impact of those codes and standards, including amortized utility costs, on the cost of single-family and multi-family homes built in the State. Requires the annual report to the governor to include the cost provided by building industry trade associations on certain codes and standards adopted by the council. Effective 1/1/2050. (HD1)

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