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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 in 2021, the median
2 price of a single-family home in Hawaii was \$990,000 and the
3 median price of a condominium in Hawaii was \$475,000. The
4 legislature also finds that in 2020, the cost of residential
5 construction on Oahu was \$290 per square foot and the cost of
6 residential construction on neighbor islands was \$200 per square
7 foot.

8 The legislature further 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 dwellings in
15 the State.

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



(1) Consider the impact of building codes and standards on the cost of single-family and multi-family homes built in the State, including the impact on amortized utility costs for single-family and multi-family homes; and

(2) Include with the annual written report submitted by the council to the governor, a financial impact assessment on each code and standard adopted by the council.

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 trade associations to
16 gather information and recommendations on construction practices
17 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 implementation of the code
21 or standard in order to determine the financial impact of the



1 code standard on the cost of single-family and multi-family
2 homes built in the State, including the impact on amortized
3 utility costs for single-family and multi-family homes.

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

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

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



1 SECTION 3. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
2 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

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

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INTRODUCED BY: _____

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S.B. NO. 2271

Report Title:

Department of Accounting and General Services; Building Code Council; Financial Impact Assessment; Building Codes and Standards

Description:

Requires the State Building Code Council to gather data on the financial impact, including the impact of amortized utility costs, on the adoption of a code or standard on single-family and multi-family homes and include the determinations in its annual reports to the Governor.

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