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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF ACCOUNTING AND GENERAL SERVICES TO
FUND THE ESTABLISHMENT OF ONE FULL-TIME EQUIVALENT PROGRAM
DIRECTOR POSITION, ONE FULL-TIME STAFF MEMBER POSITION, AND
COSTS NECESSARY TO ESTABLISH A FULL-TIME STATE BUILDING
CODE COUNCIL OFFICE.

1 WHEREAS, the State Building Code Council (Council) was
2 established by Act 82, Session Laws of Hawaii 2007, to create
3 and implement a uniform set of statewide building codes
4 applicable to all construction in the State, which is now known
5 as the Hawaii State Building Codes; and

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7 WHEREAS, the health and safety considerations related to
8 the Hawaii State Building Codes are matters of statewide
9 concern; and

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11 WHEREAS, since its creation, the Council has struggled with
12 limited funding and insufficient staffing; and

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14 WHEREAS, it is also a concern that the members of the
15 Council may lack the requisite experience in and knowledge of
16 building codes and the cost impacts of building code revisions;
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19 WHEREAS, amendments to the Hawaii State Building Codes
20 proposed by the private sector and others who may financially
21 benefit from the adoption of the proposed amendments, especially
22 amendments to codes that do not pertain to public health or
23 safety, are often adopted without a cost benefit analysis; input
24 from residential, commercial, and industrial builders; or
25 consideration of the resulting increase in the overall cost of
26 construction in Hawai'i; and

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28 WHEREAS, the Council is also significantly burdened by its
29 duty to update the Hawaii State Building Codes to conform to the
30 International Building Code (IBC), since a new edition of the



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1 international code is published by the International Code
2 Council every three years; and
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4 WHEREAS, with funding and permanent staff, the Council will
5 be better able to update and adopt commercial and residential
6 codes to meet the intent of Act 82, Session Laws of Hawaii 2007;
7 now, therefore,
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9 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Thirty-first
10 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2022, the
11 House of Representatives concurring, that the Department of
12 Accounting and General Services is requested to fully fund:
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14 (1) The establishment of one full-time equivalent (1.0
15 FTE) program director position and one full-time
16 equivalent (1.0 FTE) staff member position; and
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18 (2) Employee training, materials and supplies, other costs
19 associated with the Council, and costs necessary to
20 establish a full-time State Building Code Council
21 Office; and
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23 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this
24 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Comptroller of the
25 Department of Accounting and General Services.
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OFFERED BY: 

