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# SENATE 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  
31 international code is published by the International Code  
32 Council every three years; and

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1 WHEREAS, with funding and permanent staff, the Council will  
2 be better able to update and adopt commercial and residential  
3 codes to meet the intent of Act 82, Session Laws of Hawaii 2007;  
4 now, therefore,  
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6 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Thirty-first  
7 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2022,  
8 that the Department of Accounting and General Services is  
9 requested to fully fund:

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- 11 (1) The establishment of one full-time equivalent (1.0  
12 FTE) program director position and one full-time  
13 equivalent (1.0 FTE) staff member position; and  
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  - 15 (2) Employee training, materials and supplies, other costs  
16 associated with the Council, and costs necessary to  
17 establish a full-time State Building Code Council  
18 Office; and  
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20 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this  
21 Resolution be transmitted to the Comptroller of the Department  
22 of Accounting and General Services.  
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OFFERED BY: \_\_\_\_\_

