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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO PUBLIC SAFETY.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that smoke alarms, when  
2 properly installed and maintained, play a vital role in reducing  
3 fire deaths and injuries. When there is a fire, smoke spreads  
4 fast and working smoke alarms give people an early warning so  
5 they can escape quickly. Smoke alarms are a key part of a home  
6 fire escape plan.

7 The purpose of this Act is to require sellers of buildings  
8 or structures that are wholly or partially occupied for  
9 residential purposes to be equipped with working smoke alarms.

10 SECTION 2. Chapter 132, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
11 amended by adding a new section to be appropriately designated  
12 and to read as follows:

13 "§132- Smoke alarms; residences. (a) All buildings or  
14 structures that are wholly or partially occupied for residential  
15 purposes shall be equipped by the seller, upon the sale or  
16 transfer of the building or structure, with approved smoke



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1 alarms in accordance with current state or county building or  
2 residential codes.

3 (b) The applicable county fire department shall enforce  
4 this section."

5 SECTION 3. New statutory material is underscored.

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

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INTRODUCED BY:   
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**Report Title:**

State Fire Council Package; Smoke Alarms; Residences

**Description:**

Requires sellers of residential buildings or structures to provide approved smoke alarms in accordance with current state or county building or residential codes.

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