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A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO THE COUNTIES.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that the International
2 Accreditation Service provides objective evidence that an
3 organization operates at the highest level of ethical, legal,
4 and technical standards. The International Accreditation
5 Service accredits a wide range of companies and organizations,
6 including governmental entities, commercial businesses, and
7 professional associations.

8 The International Accreditation Service accreditation
9 programs are based on recognized national and international
10 standards, such as building and structural standards, that
11 ensure domestic and global acceptance of its accreditations. As
12 a result, International Accreditation Service-accredited
13 companies and organizations can improve their processes using
14 input gained from onsite assessment and by learning about best
15 practices from International Accreditation Service assessors and
16 peer evaluators. Furthermore, an International Accreditation
17 Service accreditation can result in reduced cost, time savings,



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1 and improvement of products and services. Thus, if applied to
2 county building codes, an accreditation by the International
3 Accreditation Service can enable county building agencies to
4 ensure that its buildings meet the best and most currently
5 accepted standards.

6 The purpose of this Act is to require each county agency
7 responsible for enforcing its respective building codes to be
8 accredited by the International Accreditation Service.

9 SECTION 2. Each county, other than the county of Kalawao,
10 shall require that the county agency responsible for enforcing
11 its respective building code shall be accredited by the
12 International Accreditation Service.

13 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.
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INTRODUCED BY: _____

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Report Title:

Counties; Building Codes; International Accreditation Service

Description:

Requires that each county agency responsible for enforcing its respective building code be accredited by the International Accreditation Service.

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