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## A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO COUNTY BUILDING CODES.

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

1           SECTION 1. Section 107-28, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
2 amended to read as follows:

3           "**§107-28 County authority to amend and adopt the Hawaii**  
4 **state building codes without council approval.** (a) The  
5 governing body of each county shall amend, adopt, and update the  
6 Hawaii state building codes as they apply within their  
7 respective jurisdiction, in accordance with section 46-1.5(13),  
8 without approval of the council. Each county shall amend and  
9 adopt the Hawaii state building codes and standards listed in  
10 section 107-25, as the referenced Hawaii state building codes  
11 and standards for its respective county building code ordinance,  
12 no later than two years after the adoption of the Hawaii state  
13 building codes.

14           (b) If a county does not amend the Hawaii state building  
15 codes within the two-year time frame, the Hawaii state building  
16 codes shall become applicable as an interim county building  
17 code.



1        (c) Each county shall allow a developer undertaking an  
2 adaptive reuse office conversion project to comply with the  
3 International Building Code, without amendment or update, with  
4 respect to provisions concerning ventilation and lighting.

5        (d) As used in this section, "adaptive reuse office  
6 conversion project" means the conversion of:

7        (1) A building used for commercial, industrial, or office  
8        purposes; or

9        (2) A vacant commercial, industrial, or office building,  
10 into residential occupancies containing sleeping units or more  
11 than two dwelling units where the occupants are primarily  
12 permanent in nature."

13        SECTION 2. New statutory material is underscored.

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

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**Report Title:**

County Building Codes; Adaptive Reuse Office Conversion  
Projects; Ventilation and Lighting Requirements; International  
Building Code

**Description:**

Requires each county to allow a developer undertaking an  
adaptive reuse office conversion project to comply with the  
International Building Code with respect to provisions  
concerning ventilation and lighting.

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