
SENATE RESOLUTION

URGING THE STATE BUILDING CODE COUNCIL TO ADOPT EXPEDITIOUSLY PROVISIONS IN THE INTERNATIONAL BUILDING CODE, 2006 EDITION, RELATING TO PHYSICAL ASSISTANCE IN EVACUATION FOR RESIDENTS IN ASSISTED LIVING FACILITIES OR SIMILAR FACILITIES.

1 WHEREAS, in considering the needs of Hawaii's elderly, the
2 Legislature has recognized the importance of developing a long-
3 term care infrastructure plan to ensure public safety while
4 supporting aging in place; and

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6 WHEREAS, the State Building Code Council, established by
7 Act 82, Session Laws of Hawaii 2007, has the responsibility to
8 establish a comprehensive state building code; and

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10 WHEREAS, the latest edition of the International Building
11 Code provides building code regulations for assisted living
12 facilities for the evacuation of residents in an emergency; and

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14 WHEREAS, to achieve the objective of supporting aging in
15 place, S.B. No. 3187, Regular Session of 2008, proposed to
16 implement the recommendations of the task force convened
17 pursuant to Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 144, S.D. 1,
18 adopted during the Regular Session of 2006, by requiring the
19 State Building Code Council to amend the provisions of the
20 International Building Code relating to assisted living
21 facilities and similar facilities; and

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23 WHEREAS, S.B. No. 3187, 2008, was deferred by the Senate
24 Committee on Intergovernmental and Military Affairs for
25 consideration of a Resolution instead; and

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27 WHEREAS, the reason for the deferral was that the Committee
28 believes that building codes are an administrative rather than a
29 statutory matter; and

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31 WHEREAS, the building code provisions of S.B. No. 3187
32 would expand Hawaii's capacity for providing long-term care by



1 allowing residents to preserve their independence while
2 receiving necessary support services in the community; and
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4 WHEREAS, the State Building Code Council is familiar with
5 and has taken up consideration of the provisions of S.B. No.
6 3187, but has not acted on it yet; and
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8 WHEREAS, to date, forty-six states have adopted the new
9 building code provisions for assisted living facilities, which
10 is necessary for new construction of assisted living facilities
11 and upgrading of existing facilities, both critical to expanding
12 long-term care; and
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14 WHEREAS, the Department of Human Services, the Department
15 of Accounting and General Services, and the City and County of
16 Honolulu all agree that such provisions should be included in
17 the building code; now, therefore,
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19 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-fourth
20 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2008,
21 that the State Building Code Council is urged to adopt
22 expeditiously provisions in the International Building Code,
23 2006 edition, relating to physical assistance in evacuation for
24 residents in assisted living facilities or similar facilities
25 and insert into the International Building Code the recommended
26 amendments stated in the Department of Human Services' report to
27 the Legislature as required by Senate Concurrent Resolution No.
28 144, S.D. 1, adopted by the 2006 Legislature, Appendix A, pages
29 23-27; and
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31 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the State Building Code Council
32 is requested to report its findings and recommendations to the
33 Legislature no later than twenty days prior to the convening of
34 the Regular Session of 2009; and
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36 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
37 Resolution be transmitted to the Comptroller, the Executive
38 Director of the State Building Code Council, the Governor, and
39 the Mayor of each county.

