
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:

- 8 (1) Property owners of residential real property that are
9 wholly or partially occupied for residential purposes to
10 disclose, as part of the mandatory seller disclosures in
11 real estate transactions, whether the installed smoke
12 alarm in the residential real property is in
13 accordance with existing building or residential codes
14 based on information provided by the state fire
15 council; and
- 16 (2) The state fire council to create and maintain an
17 informational guide on approved smoke alarms that are



1 in accordance with existing state or county building
2 or residential codes and post the informational guide
3 on the state fire council's website and each county
4 fire department's website.

5 SECTION 2. Chapter 508D, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended
6 by adding a new section to be appropriately designated and to read
7 as follows:

8 **"§508D- Smoke alarms; residential real property.**

9 Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, a property owner of a
10 residential real property that is wholly or partially occupied
11 for residential purposes shall include, as part of the seller's
12 disclosure statement on the real estate purchase contract,
13 whether the installed smoke alarm in the residential real
14 property is in accordance with existing state or county building
15 or residential codes based on information provided by the state
16 fire council pursuant to section 132-16(d)."

17 SECTION 3. Section 132-16, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
18 amended by amending subsection (b) to read as follows:

19 "(b) In addition to adopting a state fire code pursuant to
20 section 132-3, the state fire council shall:



- 1 (1) Administer the requirements for reduced ignition
2 propensity cigarettes, in accordance with chapter
3 132C; [~~and~~]
- 4 (2) Serve as a focal point through which all applications
5 to the federal government for federal grant assistance
6 for fire-related projects shall be made. Upon the
7 receipt of any such federal grants, the state fire
8 council shall administer those federal grants~~[-]~~; and
- 9 (3) Create and maintain an informational guide on approved
10 smoke alarms that are in accordance with existing
11 state or county building or residential codes, which
12 shall be prominently posted on the state fire council
13 website and on each county fire department website."

14 SECTION 4. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
15 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

16 SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2050.
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Report Title:

State Fire Council Package; Residential Real Property; Smoke Alarms; Property Owners; Seller Disclosure Statements; Informational Guide

Description:

Requires property owners of residential real property to disclose, as part of the mandatory seller disclosures in real estate transactions, whether the installed smoke alarm is in accordance with existing building or residential codes based on information provided by the state fire council. Requires the state fire council to create and maintain an informational guide on approved smoke alarms that are in accordance with existing building or residential codes and post the guide on specified websites. Effective 7/1/2050. (HD1)

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