



EXECUTIVE CHAMBERS
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GOVERNOR

December 29, 2008

The Honorable Calvin K.Y. Say, Speaker
and Members of the House of Representatives
Twenty-Fourth State Legislature
State Capitol, Room 431
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Speaker Say and Members of the House:

For your information and consideration, I am transmitting herewith two (2) copies of the Department of Accounting and General Services' Annual Report on the Building Code Council for the period December 2007 through December 2008. Pursuant to section 93-16, Hawaii Revised Statutes, I am also informing you that the report may be viewed electronically at <http://www.hawaii.gov/dags/rpts>.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Linda Lingle".

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Enclosures



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The Honorable Colleen Hanabusa, President
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Twenty-Fourth State Legislature
State Capitol
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

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STATE OF HAWAII
DEPARTMENT OF ACCOUNTING AND GENERAL SERVICES
ANNUAL REPORT ON
THE BUILDING CODE COUNCIL
DECEMBER 2008

SUBMITTED TO
THE TWENTY-FIFTH STATE LEGISLATURE
IN RESPONSE TO ACT 82, SLH 2007

STATE OF HAWAII
DEPARTMENT OF ACCOUNTING AND GENERAL SERVICES
ANNUAL REPORT ON THE BUILDING CODE COUNCIL
DECEMBER 2008

Background

Pursuant to Act 82, SLH 2007 (the Act), the Building Code Council (the Council) is required to submit an annual report to the legislature no later than twenty days prior to the convening of the regular session of 2009.

Achievements During This Period

The Council held its first meeting on August 13, 2007. Since then the Council has held monthly meetings and meets on the second Tuesday of each month. The Subcommittee of County Building Officials (the Subcommittee) has also met eight (8) times to consider model building codes and review proposed amendments from investigative committees. Key outcomes of these meetings are as follows.

1. Formed investigative committees for each of the required and significant building codes. Those investigative committees were:
 - A. Investigative Committee for the Hurricane Protective Shelter Criteria
 - B. Investigative Committee for the International Building Code, residential code, and existing building code
 - C. Investigative Committee for the State Fire Code
 - D. Investigative Committee for the Uniform Plumbing Code
 - E. Investigative Committee for the National Electrical Code
 - F. Investigative Committee for the Energy Conservation Code
 - G. Investigative Committee for Elevator Codes
2. Outline of process for Council to adopt model building codes with amendments via the administrative rules process.
3. The Subcommittee has approved and recommended to the Council the adoption of the 2006 International Building Code (IBC) and amendments. The Council has moved this recommendation from the Subcommittee forward to the rule making process. A draft set of administrative rules has been reviewed by the Legislative Reference Bureau and it is anticipated that the draft administrative rules will go to public hearing in early 2009. The 2006 IBC and amendments address the hurricane protective shelter criteria required in Act 82, SLH 2007 which created the Council.
4. The Subcommittee has approved the adoption of the 2008 National Electrical Code and the 2006 International Energy Efficiency Code including proposed amendments.

5. In December 2008, the Council heard the Subcommittee's recommendation to adopt the 2008 National Electrical Code and the 2006 International Energy Conservation Code including amendments and will vote on approving these recommendations at the Council's January 2009 meeting.
6. The Council's adoption of the State Fire Code is dependent on the State Fire Council adopting the latest version of the State Fire Code which is targeted for early 2009
7. The 2006 Uniform Plumbing Code (UPC) has been reviewed by the Subcommittee and the Subcommittee has received comments on the UPC. The Subcommittee is waiting on proposed amendments from the Department of Health before voting on adoption of the UPC. It is anticipated that the UPC will be adopted by the Council in early 2009.

Membership

The current Council members are as follows:

1. Timothy F.T. Hiu, City and County of Honolulu
2. Brian Kajikawa, County of Hawaii
3. Ralph Nagamine, County of Maui
4. Douglas Haigh, County of Kauai
5. Socrates Bratakos, State Fire Council
6. Gary Chock, Structural Engineers Association of Hawaii
7. Jerry Haruno, Department of Health
8. Keith Rudolph, Department of Labor and Industrial Relations
9. William Brizee, American Institute of Architects, Hawaii State Council
10. Russ K. Saito, State Comptroller

The current Subcommittee members are as follow:

1. Timothy F.T. Hiu, City and County of Honolulu
2. Brian Kajikawa, County of Hawaii
3. Ralph Nagamine, County of Maui
4. Douglas Haigh, County of Kauai

The current Investigative Committee chairs are as follows:

1. Structural Standards and Provisions
Chair: Gary Chock
2. International Building Code, residential code, and existing building code
Chair: William Brizee
3. State Fire Code
Chair: Socrates Bratakos

4. Plumbing and Individual Waste Water Systems
Chair: Alan Nakamura
5. Energy Conservation Code
Chair: Howard Wiig
6. Elevator Code
Chair: Keith Rudolph
7. Electrical Code
Chair: Glenn Yokomichi

Summary

The status of the four codes required by the Act follows:

1. The hurricane protective shelter criteria which is included in the 2006 International Building Code has been adopted by the Council.
2. The third code required by the Act, the State Fire Code is dependent on the State Fire Council adopting the new State Fire Code after having it heard through the public hearing which is scheduled for early 2009.
3. The fourth code, the UPC has been reviewed by the Subcommittee and they are awaiting proposed amendments from the Department of Health. Adoption by the Council of the UPC Is projected for early 2009.
4. All of the codes adopted by the Council will be implemented through the administrative rule making process.