

**SUBCOMMITTEE OF COUNTY BUILDING OFFICIALS
MINUTES OF APRIL 29, 2008 MEETING**

Members in Attendance: Douglas Haigh (VCC), Timothy Hiu, Brian Kajikawa, Ralph Nagamine. Other Building Code Council (the Council) members in attendance; William Brizee, Gary Chock. Staff present: Kerry Yoneshige, Department of Accounting and General Services (DAGS).

1. Tim Hiu convened the meeting at 2:10 p.m.
2. William Brizee who chaired the Investigative Committee for IBC, residential code, and existing building code amendments (the investigative committee) provided an overview of the process used to develop the amendments to the IBC accepted by the Council at the April 8th meeting. Mr. Brizee noted that the county amendments to the IBC were identified and administrative amendments were removed from the list of amendments to be considered. A county amendments were included provided they could be aged upon with in under 15-30 minutes. If the discussions on the amendments took greater than 15-30minutes, they were deferred to the 2009 IBC adoption process. Members of the committee included industry groups, AIA, structural engineers association, State fire protection engineers, and others.
3. It was discussed that wind maps for all counties would be included in the code, including maps that maybe in draft state (only Kauai).
4. The following items were discussed relative the amendments proposed.
 - a. Because appeal items deal with administrative application of the building codes and not technical application of the codes it was felt that the Board of Appeals should be left at the county level.
 - b. Differences in building code requirements at the county level will always exist to address differing community characteristics such as fire fighting response time (i.e. Oahu versus Hawaii).
 - c. Chapters 101 and 102 amendments would be reviewed but chapters 103 through 115 would be deleted.
5. Relative to wind factors, the subcommittee also discussed the investigative committee's first review of the International Residential Code (IRC). Because of the IRC only addresses wind factors to 100 mph the subcommittee discussed various alternatives to adopt the IRC. The three alternatives were, not to adopt the IRC, adopt only provisions that deal with engineering, mechanical, electrical and other specific codes, and modify the IRC to address structural provisions of the high wind impacts. Tim Hiu discussed the need to have a code available for prescriptive applications and the identification of scope which would require engineering. The other points offered by Dough Haigh were

- a. IRC should be adopted with minimal or no amendments as the code is based on national consensus through a formalized process .
 - b. The Attorney General should be provide an opinion on adopted ADA code provisions which have not been approved by the Justice Department to address liability issues.
 - c. Amendments could be adopted for government agencies such as the Department of Education which has specific facility requirements.
6. The committee requested more information on the structural provisions of the proposed amendments for discussion at the next meeting from Gary Chock representing the Structural Engineers Association of Hawaii.
7. Next meeting date was set for July 1, 2008.
8. The meeting was adjourned at 3:40 p.m.