

Proposed Amendments to the 2012 IBC & IRC State Building Code Amendments (v5)

2012 IBC

Amendment (15) Group R Revision

(15) **“Group R**

Section 903.2.8 is revised by adding the following exception:

“Exception: In accordance with HRS 46-19.8 Fire sprinklers; residences, until June 30, 2027 no county shall require the installation or retrofitting of automatic fire sprinklers or an automatic fire sprinkler system in:

- (1) Any new or existing detached one- or two-family dwelling unit in a structure used only for residential purposes; and
- (2) Nonresidential agricultural and aquacultural buildings and structures located outside an urban area;

provided that this section shall not apply to new homes that require a variance from access road or firefighting water supply requirements.””

Justification: This change is required to be consistent with state law HRS-19.8 and includes the sunset date of such law.

New Amendment to be inserted between Amendment 22 and Amendment 23

“(22.5) **Chapter 11 Accessibility**

Accessibility. Chapter 11 is deleted in its entirety and replaced to read as follows:

“1101 Scope. Buildings or portions of buildings shall be accessible to persons with disabilities in accordance with the following regulations:

1. For construction of buildings or facilities of the state and county governments, compliance with Section 103-50 HRS, administered by the Disability and Communication Access Board, State of Hawaii.
2. Department of Justice’s Americans with Disabilities Act Standards for Accessible Design.
3. Housing and Urban Development recognized ‘Safe Harbors’ for compliance with the Fair Housing Acts design and construction requirements.
4. Other pertinent laws relating with disabilities shall be administered and enforced by agencies responsible for their enforcement.

Prior to the issuance of a building permit, the owner (or the owner’s representative, professional architect, or engineer), shall submit a statement that all requirements, relating to accessibility for persons with disabilities, shall be complied with.” “

Justification: This change acknowledges the Authorities with jurisdiction for accessibility requirements and their corresponding laws/regulation.

2012 IRC

Amendment (24) R313.2 Automatic Fire Sprinkler Systems Revision

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Section R313.2 is revised by adding the following to the Exception:

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