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Howard Wiig
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State of Hawaii Amendments to the International Building Code Tsunami Provisions

Dear Howard Wiig:

We are members of the Structural Engineer's Association of Hawaii's (SEAOH) Building Code Committee; however, we were unaware of recent changes submitted to the State Building Code Council (SBCC) as SEAOH recommendations. As far as we are aware, there was no voting or consensus obtained by SEAOH prior to submittal of these amendments. Specifically, the tsunami requirements were modified to apply to the lower Risk Category (specifically Risk Category II) than is designated in the national standard (IBC 2018 and ASCE 7-16).

We believe such an amendment should be considered for adoption only with a documented, well-considered, rational basis of supporting analysis - the development of which should include discussion and consensus of the SEAOH Building Code Committee, which has not occurred.

Sincerely,

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