
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO FIRE PROTECTION.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:

1 SECTION 1. The purpose of this Act is to create positions
2 for an administrator and assistant administrator for the state
3 fire council to enable it to meet its responsibilities under
4 chapter 132, Hawaii Revised Statutes, and to identify the
5 funding source for those positions.

6 SECTION 2. Section 132-16, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
7 amended to read as follows:

8 "**§132-16 State fire council; composition; functions.** (a)
9 There is established a state fire council which shall be placed
10 within the department of labor and industrial relations for
11 administrative purposes. The state fire council shall consist
12 of the fire chiefs of the counties. The state fire council may
13 appoint an advisory committee to assist it in carrying out its
14 functions under this chapter. The advisory committee may
15 include the heads of the various county building departments, a
16 licensed architect recommended by the Hawaii Society of the
17 American Institute of Architects, a licensed electrical engineer
18 and a licensed mechanical engineer recommended by the Consulting



1 Engineers Council of Hawaii, a representative of the Hawaii
2 Rating Bureau, a representative of the Hawaii firefighters
3 association, representatives of the county fire departments, and
4 such other members of the public as the state fire council may
5 determine can best assist it. The state fire council shall
6 elect a chairperson from among its members.

7 (b) The state fire council may employ an administrator,
8 who shall be responsible for the daily operations of the state
9 fire council, and an administrative assistant without regard to
10 chapters 76 and 89, who shall hold their respective positions as
11 deemed necessary by the state fire council. The council shall
12 determine the rate of compensation for the administrator and the
13 administrative assistant.

14 ~~(b)~~ (c) In addition to adopting a state fire code
15 pursuant to section 132-3, the state fire council shall serve as
16 a focal point through which all applications to the federal
17 government for federal grant assistance for fire-related projects
18 shall be made~~[-]~~, as coordinated by the administrator. Upon the
19 receipt of any such federal grants, the ~~[state fire council]~~
20 administrator shall administer those federal grants~~[-]~~ for fire-
21 related projects such as:

22 (1) Statewide training;



- 1 (2) Education;
- 2 (3) Data collection; and
- 3 (4) Other duties as directed by the council.

4 [~~e~~] (d) The state fire council may also:

- 5 (1) Appoint advisory committees comprised of
- 6 representatives from each county fire department to
- 7 assist in drafting the state fire code and
- 8 coordinating statewide training, data collection, and
- 9 contingency planning needs for firefighters; and
- 10 (2) Advise and assist the county fire departments where
- 11 appropriate, may prescribe standard procedures and
- 12 forms relating to inspections, investigations, and
- 13 reporting of fires, may approve plans for cooperation
- 14 among the county fire departments, and may advise the
- 15 governor and the legislature with respect to fire
- 16 prevention and protection, life safety, and any other
- 17 functions or activities for which the various county
- 18 fire departments are generally responsible.

19 (e) The budgetary requirements for conducting meetings and
20 other related functions of the state fire council, including
21 salaries of the administrator and of the administrative



1 assistant, shall be included in the budget of the department of
2 labor and industrial relations."

3 SECTION 3. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
4 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

5 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2006.
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Report Title:

State Fire Council; Administrative Staff

Description:

Provides for administrative staff to assist the State Fire Council in their task of improving public safety.

