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# SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR AND INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS TO  
CONDUCT A STUDY OF THE STATE FIRE COUNCIL.

1           WHEREAS, Section 132-16, Hawaii Revised Statutes,  
2 establishes the State Fire Council, which consists of the fire  
3 chiefs of the counties; and

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5           WHEREAS, the functions of the State Fire Council are to  
6 adopt the state fire code, to coordinate applications to the  
7 federal government for federal grant assistance for fire-related  
8 projects, and to administer those grants; and

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10          WHEREAS, the state fire council also undertakes myriad  
11 other fire-prevention duties, including fire inspection and  
12 prevention; and

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14          WHEREAS, the State Fire Council is administratively  
15 attached to the Department of Labor and Industrial Relations;  
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18          WHEREAS, current law does not provide for an administrator  
19 for the State Fire Council; and

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21          WHEREAS, the State Fire Council has difficulty in  
22 performing its functions which have been assumed by county fire  
23 departments instead, but this has caused county fire departments  
24 to lose the use of personnel who perform the duties of the  
25 Council; and

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27          BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-third  
28 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2006, the  
29 House of Representatives concurring, that the Department of  
30 Labor and Industrial Relations is requested to conduct a study  
31 of the State Fire Council; and

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33          BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Labor and  
34 Industrial Relations is requested to examine the duties,



1 workload, and resources of the Council to ascertain the extent  
2 to which additional positions or assistance are necessary; and

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4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Labor and  
5 Industrial Relations is requested to submit a report on its  
6 findings, including a proposal for a budget request, as  
7 appropriate, to the Legislature no later than twenty days prior  
8 to the convening of the Regular Session of 2007; and

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10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
11 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Director of Labor  
12 and Industrial Relations, the State Fire Council, and the Fire  
13 Chief of each county.

