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SENATE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR AND INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS TO
AUTHORIZE THE STATE FIRE COUNCIL TO EMPLOY AN ADMINISTRATOR
AND AN ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT.

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 is to
6 adopt the state fire code, and 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 WHEREAS, an administrator is needed to assist the council
28 with its operations to enhance the effectiveness and efficiency
29 of the State Fire Council; now, therefore,
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31 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-third
32 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2006,
33 that the Department of Labor and Industrial Relations is
34 requested to authorize the creation of positions for an



1 administrator and an administrative assistant for the State Fire
2 Council; and

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4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
5 Resolution be transmitted to the Director of Labor and
6 Industrial Relations, the State Fire Council, and the Fire Chief
7 of each county.

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10 OFFERED BY *Sprague R. Thomas*