
SENATE 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,
29 that the Department of Labor and Industrial Relations is
30 requested to conduct a study of the State Fire Council; and

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32 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Labor and
33 Industrial Relations is requested to examine the duties,
34 workload, and resources of the Council to ascertain the extent
35 to which additional positions or assistance are necessary; and
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1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Labor and
2 Industrial Relations is requested to submit a report on its
3 findings, including a proposal for a budget request, as
4 appropriate, to the Legislature no later than twenty days prior
5 to the convening of the Regular Session of 2007; and

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

