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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO THE STATE FIRE COUNCIL.

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

1           SECTION 1. The purpose of this Act is to establish two  
2 full-time equivalent positions to enable the state fire council  
3 to more effectively meet its responsibilities and to identify  
4 the funding source for those positions.

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

7           "**§132-16 State fire council; composition; administrative**  
8 **staff; budget; functions.** (a) There is established a state  
9 fire council which shall be placed within the department of  
10 labor and industrial relations for administrative purposes. The  
11 state fire council shall consist of the fire chiefs of the  
12 counties. The state fire council may appoint an advisory  
13 committee to assist it in carrying out its functions under this  
14 chapter. The advisory committee may include the heads of the  
15 various county building departments, a licensed architect  
16 recommended by the Hawaii Society of the American Institute of  
17 Architects, a licensed electrical engineer and a licensed  
18 mechanical engineer recommended by the Consulting Engineers



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

7 (b) The state fire council may employ an administrator and  
8 an administrative assistant, without regard to chapters 76 and  
9 89, who shall hold their respective positions at the discretion  
10 of the state fire council. The administrator shall have full  
11 power to administer the affairs of the council, subject to the  
12 direction and approval of the council. The state fire council  
13 shall determine the compensation for the administrator and the  
14 administrative assistant.

15 The administrator of the state fire council shall be  
16 responsible for:

- 17 (1) Carrying out the daily operations of the state fire  
18 council;  
19 (2) Administering the adoption of the state fire code by  
20 the counties;  
21 (3) Applying for and expending federal grant assistance  
22 for fire-related projects;



1        (4) Coordinating statewide training, education, and data  
2        collection; and

3        (5) Performing other duties as directed by the council.

4        [~~(b)~~] (c) In addition to adopting a state fire code  
5 pursuant to section 132-3, the state fire council shall serve as  
6 a focal point through which all applications to the federal  
7 government for federal grant assistance for fire-related  
8 projects shall be made. Upon the receipt of any such federal  
9 grants, the state fire council shall administer those federal  
10 grants.

11       [~~(c)~~] (d) The state fire council may also:

12       (1) Appoint advisory committees comprised of  
13       representatives from each county fire department to  
14       assist in drafting the state fire code and  
15       coordinating statewide training, data collection, and  
16       contingency planning needs for firefighters; and

17       (2) Advise and assist the county fire departments where  
18       appropriate, may prescribe standard procedures and  
19       forms relating to inspections, investigations, and  
20       reporting of fires, may approve plans for cooperation  
21       among the county fire departments, and may advise the  
22       governor and the legislature with respect to fire



1 prevention and protection, life safety, and any other  
2 functions or activities for which the various county  
3 fire departments are generally responsible.

4 (e) The budgetary requirements for conducting meetings and  
5 other related functions of the state fire council, including  
6 salaries of the administrator and of the administrative  
7 assistant, shall be included in the budget of the department of  
8 labor and industrial relations."

9 SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the general  
10 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so much  
11 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2008-2009 for the  
12 department of labor and industrial relations to employ an  
13 administrator and an administrative assistant for the state fire  
14 council.

15 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the department of  
16 labor and industrial relations for the purposes of this Act.

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

19 SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2020.



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**Report Title:**

State Fire Council; Personnel

**Description:**

Establishes 2 full-time equivalent positions for the state fire council, an administrator and an administrative assistant, to be funded by the department of labor and industrial relations. Appropriates funds. (SB2720 HD1)

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