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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 authorize the  
2 state fire council to hire additional personnel to fulfill its  
3 statutorily established responsibilities.

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

6           1. By amending its title to read:

7           "§132-16 State fire council; composition; administrative  
8 staff; budget; functions."

9           2. By amending subsection (c) to read:

10          "(c) The state fire council may also:

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

16          (2) Advise and assist the county fire departments where  
17 appropriate, may prescribe standard procedures and  
18 forms relating to inspections, investigations, and



1 reporting of fires, may approve plans for cooperation  
2 among the county fire departments, and may advise the  
3 governor and the legislature with respect to fire  
4 prevention and protection, life safety, and any other  
5 functions or activities for which the various county  
6 fire departments are generally responsible[-]; and

7 (3) Employ an administrator and administrative assistant,  
8 without regard to chapters 76 and 89, at the  
9 discretion of the state fire council. The  
10 administrator shall have full power to administer the  
11 affairs of the council, subject to the direction and  
12 approval of the council. The state fire council shall  
13 determine the compensation for the administrator and  
14 the administrative assistant. The administrator and  
15 administrative assistant shall be responsible for:

16 (A) Daily operations of the state fire council;

17 (B) Administering the adoption of the state fire  
18 code;

19 (C) Applying for and expending federal grant and  
20 assistance for fire-related projects;

21 (D) Administering the reduced ignition propensity  
22 cigarette program;



1           (E) Coordinating statewide fire and life safety  
2           training, education, and data collection; and  
3           (F) Other related duties as directed by the council;  
4           provided that the budgetary requirements for  
5           conducting meetings and other related functions  
6           of the state fire council, including the salaries  
7           of the administrator and administrative  
8           assistant, shall be included in the budget of the  
9           department of labor and industrial relations."

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

12           SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2020.



**Report Title:**

State Fire Council Package

**Description:**

Authorizes the establishment of staff positions for the state fire council to accomplish its duties and responsibilities.

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