

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

1020

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 27 2009

RE: H.B. No. 685  
H.D. 2

Honorable Colleen Hanabusa  
President of the Senate  
Twenty-Fifth State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2009  
State of Hawaii

Madam:

Your Committee on Public Safety and Military Affairs, to which was referred H.B. No. 685, H.D. 2, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE STATE FIRE COUNCIL,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Allow the State Fire Council to employ an administrator and administrative assistant with specified responsibilities; and
- (2) Clarify that the budget of the State Fire Council is included in the budget of the Department of Labor and Industrial Relations.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from several government entities and one community group. Written testimony presented to the Committee may be reviewed on the Legislature's website.

The State Fire Council, comprised of the four county Fire Chiefs, was created in 1979 to replace the State Fire Marshal's Office, which was a fully-funded state agency. Under the present organization, the Council primarily uses county fire department personnel to accomplish council duties. These duties include, among other things, amending and adopting the state fire code, pursuing and administering federal grants, and implementing and administering a statewide Reduced Ignition Propensity Cigarette



Program. Presently, the Council's staff consists of only one part-time person funded by the State Department of Labor and Industrial Relations, to which the Council is administratively attached.

In addition, the State Fire Council is a member of the State Building Code Council and participates in the state building code adoption process; coordinates statewide fire training and data collection; and corresponds with national organizations on statewide fire issues. This measure would greatly increase the Council's productivity and benefit communities and fire departments statewide.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Public Safety and Military Affairs that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 685, H.D. 2, and recommends that it pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Respectfully submitted on  
behalf of the members of the  
Committee on Public Safety and  
Military Affairs,

  
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WILL ESPERO, Chair



The Senate  
 Twenty-Fifth Legislature  
 State of Hawaii

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**Committee on Public Safety and Military Affairs**  
**PSM**

Bill / Resolution No.:* <b>HB 685 HD2</b>	Committee Referral: <b>PSM, WAM</b>	Date: <b>3/24/09</b>		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure. If so, then the previous decision was to: _____				
The Recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312 <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311 <input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310 <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
ESPERO, Will (C)	✓			
BUNDA, Robert (VC)				✓
ENGLISH, J. Kalani				✓
GABBARD, Mike				✓
GALUTERIA, Brickwood	✓			
KIDANI, Michelle N.	✓			
HEMMINGS, Fred	✓			
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>4</b>			<b>3</b>
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: 				
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