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NEIL ABERCROMBIE
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July 5, 2011

The Honorable Shan Tsutsui, President
and Members of the Senate
Twenty-Sixth State Legislature
State Capitol, Room 409
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

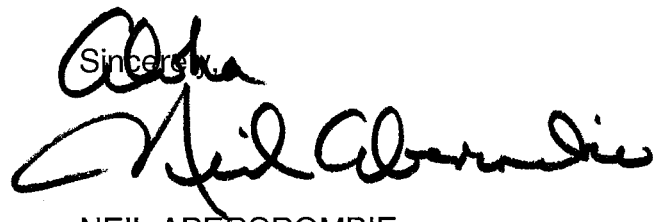
The Honorable Calvin Say, Speaker
and Members of the House
Twenty-Sixth State Legislature
State Capitol, Room 431
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear President Tsutsui, Speaker Say and Members of the Legislature:

This is to inform you that on July 5, 2011, the following bill was signed into law:

SB742 SD2 HD1 CD1

RELATING TO THE STATE FIRE COUNCIL.
Act 188 (11)

Sincerely,


NEIL ABERCROMBIE
Governor, State of Hawaii

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 legislature finds that the state fire
2 council needs to employ staff to accomplish its statutory duties
3 and responsibilities. The state fire council, among other
4 things:
- 5 (1) Appoints advisory committees comprised of
6 representatives from each county fire department to
7 assist in drafting the state fire code;
- 8 (2) Assists in coordinating statewide training, data
9 collection, and contingency planning needs for
10 firefighters;
- 11 (3) Prescribes standard procedures and forms relating to
12 inspections, investigations, and reporting of fires;
- 13 (4) Approves plans for cooperation among the county fire
14 departments;
- 15 (5) Advises the governor and the legislature with respect
16 to fire prevention and protection, life safety, and
17 any other functions or activities for which the



1 various county fire departments are generally
2 responsible;

3 (6) Serves as a point of contact through which all
4 applications to the federal government for federal
5 grant assistance for fire-related projects shall be
6 made and administers those federal grants;

7 (7) Coordinates statewide fire and life safety training,
8 education, and inspection of state buildings and
9 facilities; and

10 (8) Prescribes standard procedures and forms relating to
11 inspections, investigations, and reporting of fires.

12 Currently, the state fire council has one part-time
13 administrative assistant position, and there is no statutory
14 provision for the hiring of staff. More positions are needed
15 for the state fire council to fulfill its statutory mandate and
16 to protect the public safety.

17 The purpose of this Act is to allow the state fire council
18 to employ an administrator and administrative assistant.

19 SECTION 2. Chapter 132, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
20 amended by adding a new section to be appropriately designated
21 and to read as follows:



- 1 "§132- Administrative staffing for the state fire
2 council. (a) The state fire council may employ on a full-time
3 basis an administrator and administrative assistant, without
4 regard to chapters 76 and 89. The administrator shall
5 administer the affairs of the state fire council at the
6 direction of the council. The state fire council shall
7 determine the compensation for the administrator and the
8 administrative assistant.
- 9 (b) The administrator and administrative assistant shall
10 assist the state fire council in carrying out the duties of the
11 council under section 132-16, including:
- 12 (1) Administration of the daily operations of the state
13 fire council;
- 14 (2) Administration of the adoption process of the state
15 fire code by the counties;
- 16 (3) Submission of applications for and expending of
17 federal grants and assistance for fire-related
18 projects;
- 19 (4) Administration of the reduced ignition propensity
20 cigarette program;
- 21 (5) Coordination of the statewide fire and life safety
22 training, education, and data collection programs; and



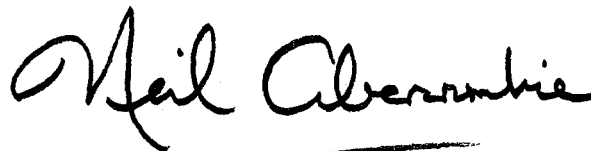
1 (6) Implementation of other related duties as directed by
2 the state fire council.

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

8 SECTION 3. New statutory material is underscored.

9 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2011.

APPROVED this 5 day of JUL , 2011



GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF HAWAII