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STATE OF HAWAII

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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 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

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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.

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Description:
Allows the state fire council to hire a full-time administrator and administrative assistant.   (CD1)

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