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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 positions to accomplish its  
3 statutory duties and responsibilities. The state fire council,  
4 among other 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 state fire council.

2    (a) The state fire council may employ on a full-time basis an  
3 administrator and administrative assistant, without regard to  
4 chapters 76 and 89. The administrator shall administer the  
5 affairs of the state fire council at the direction of the  
6 council. The state fire council shall determine the  
7 compensation for the administrator and the administrative  
8 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 upon its approval.

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**Report Title:**

State Fire Council

**Description:**

Allows the state fire council to hire a full-time administrator and administrative assistant. (SD1)

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