
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 set minimum qualification standards for
3 the testing and certification of the individuals, operators, and
4 contractors who perform maintenance and testing of portable fire
5 extinguishers, fire protection systems, and fire alarm systems.
6 The certifications would be recognized throughout the State and
7 should be based on the current adopted state fire code and
8 standards. This Act also authorizes the state fire council to
9 implement statewide fire and emergency responder understandings
10 and agreements for the effective utilization of resources.

11 SECTION 2. Section 132-16, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
12 amended by amending subsection (c) to read as follows:

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

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



1 (2) Advise and assist the county fire departments where
2 appropriate, may prescribe standard procedures and
3 forms relating to inspections, investigations, and
4 reporting of fires, may approve plans for cooperation
5 among the county fire departments, and may advise the
6 governor and the legislature with respect to fire
7 prevention and protection, life safety, and any other
8 functions or activities for which the various county
9 fire departments are generally responsible[-];

10 (3) Establish statewide qualifications testing and
11 certification for individuals that conduct maintenance
12 testing of fire extinguishers, fire protection
13 systems, and fire alarm systems. Certification fees
14 shall be determined by the county fire departments;
15 and

16 (4) Coordinate and implement statewide fire and emergency
17 responder understandings and agreements to promote the
18 effective use of fire and life safety resources."

19 SECTION 3. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
20 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.



1 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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Report Title:

State Fire Council Package; Fire Protection

Description:

Authorizes the state fire council to: establish statewide qualifications testing and certification of individuals that conduct maintenance testing of fire extinguishers, fire protection systems, and fire alarm systems; and implement statewide fire and emergency responder understandings and agreements.

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