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A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO FIRE PROTECTION.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:

- 1 SECTION 1. The purpose of this Act is to:
- 2 (1) Authorize the state fire council to set minimum
- 3 certification requirements for individuals, operators,
- 4 and contractors performing maintenance and testing of
- 5 portable fire extinguishers, fire protection systems,
- 6 and fire alarm systems;
- 7 (2) Base the certifications on the adopted state fire code
- 8 and standards;
- 9 (3) Recognize the certifications through the State; and
- 10 (4) Authorize the fire council to implement statewide fire
- 11 and emergency responder memoranda of understanding and
- 12 agreements for the effective use of fire and life
- 13 safety resources.

14 SECTION 2. Section 132-16, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is

15 amended by amending subsection (c) to read as follows:

- 16 "(c) The state fire council may also:
- 17 (1) Appoint advisory committees comprised of
- 18 representatives from each county fire department to



1 assist in drafting the state fire code and
2 coordinating statewide training, data collection, and
3 contingency planning needs for firefighters; [~~and~~]

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

13 (3) Establish statewide qualifications, testing, and
14 certification, based on the adopted state fire code
15 and standards, for individuals that conduct
16 maintenance testing of fire extinguishers and fire
17 protection and fire alarm systems; provided that
18 certification fees shall be determined by the county
19 fire departments; and

20 (4) Coordinate and implement statewide fire and emergency
21 responder memoranda of understanding and agreements to



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1 promote the effective use of fire and life safety
2 resources."

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 Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed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

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

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Report Title:

Fire Protection; State Fire Council

Description:

Authorizes the state fire council to establish minimum qualifications for individuals conducting maintenance testing of fire extinguishers and fire protection and fire alarm systems. Authorizes the state fire council to implement statewide memoranda of understanding and agreements for the effective use of fire and life safety resources.

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