
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO FIRE PROTECTION.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that there is a need to
2 set minimum qualification standards in testing and certification
3 of individuals, operators, and contractors who perform
4 maintenance and testing of portable fire extinguishers, fire
5 protection systems, and fire alarm systems. The legislature
6 further finds that these certifications should be recognized
7 throughout the State of Hawaii and be based on the currently
8 adopted state fire code and standards.

9 The purpose of this Act is to authorize the state fire
10 council to establish statewide qualifications and procedures for
11 testing, certifying, and credentialing individuals who perform
12 maintenance and testing of portable fire extinguishers, fire
13 protection systems, and fire alarm systems to be administered by
14 county fire departments; provided that the county fire
15 departments may establish and charge reasonable certification
16 fees.

17 SECTION 2. Section 132-16, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
18 amended to read as follows:



1 "§132-16 State fire council; composition; functions. (a)

2 There is established a state fire council which shall be placed
3 within the department of labor and industrial relations for
4 administrative purposes. The state fire council shall consist
5 of the fire chiefs of the counties. The state fire council may
6 appoint an advisory committee to assist it in carrying out its
7 functions under this chapter. The advisory committee may
8 include the heads of the various county building departments, a
9 licensed architect recommended by the Hawaii Society of the
10 American Institute of Architects, a licensed electrical engineer
11 and a licensed mechanical engineer recommended by the Consulting
12 Engineers Council of Hawaii, a representative of the Hawaii
13 Rating Bureau, a representative of the Hawaii firefighters
14 association, representatives of the county fire departments, and
15 such other members of the public as the state fire council may
16 determine can best assist it. The state fire council shall
17 elect a chairperson from among its members.

18 (b) In addition to adopting a state fire code pursuant to
19 section 132-3, the state fire council shall:

- 20 (1) Administer the requirements for reduced ignition
21 propensity cigarettes, in accordance with chapter
22 132C; and



- 1 (2) Serve as a focal point through which all applications
2 to the federal government for federal grant assistance
3 for fire-related projects shall be made. Upon the
4 receipt of any such federal grants, the state fire
5 council shall administer those federal grants.
- 6 (c) The state fire council may also:
- 7 (1) Appoint advisory committees comprised of
8 representatives from each county fire department to
9 assist in drafting the state fire code and
10 coordinating statewide training, data collection, and
11 contingency planning needs for firefighters; ~~and~~
- 12 (2) Advise and assist the county fire departments where
13 appropriate, may prescribe standard procedures and
14 forms relating to inspections, investigations, and
15 reporting of fires, may approve plans for cooperation
16 among the county fire departments, and may advise the
17 governor and the legislature with respect to fire
18 prevention and protection, life safety, and any other
19 functions or activities for which the various county
20 fire departments are generally responsible[-]; and
- 21 (3) Establish, in conformance with the adopted state fire
22 code and nationally recognized standards, statewide



1 qualifications and procedures, to be administered by
2 the county fire departments, for testing, certifying,
3 and credentialing individuals who perform maintenance
4 and testing of portable fire extinguishers, fire
5 protection systems, and fire alarm systems; provided
6 that the county fire departments may establish and
7 charge reasonable certification fees.

8 (d) The state fire council may adopt rules pursuant to
9 chapter 91 for purposes of this section."

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

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



Report Title:

Fire Protection; State Fire Council

Description:

Authorizes the State Fire Council to establish statewide qualifications and procedures for testing, certifying, and credentialing individuals who conduct maintenance and testing of portable fire extinguishers, fire protection systems, and fire alarm systems. (CD1)

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