

SB 2184

SD-1

**RELATING TO
FIRE
PROTECTION**

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 in 1979, the state
2 fire marshal's office was abolished and the state fire council
3 was established. The state fire council consists of the four
4 county fire chiefs and is administratively attached to the
5 department of labor and industrial relations. The state fire
6 council is responsible for adopting the state fire code,
7 administering federal fire-related grants, coordinating
8 statewide fire training, collecting data, and establishing
9 contingency planning needs for firefighters.

10 The legislature further finds that the state fire council
11 has the authority to establish statewide qualifications for
12 testing, certifying, and credentialing individuals who perform
13 maintenance and testing of portable fire extinguishers, fire
14 protection systems, and fire alarm systems. The council advises
15 the governor and the legislature on fire prevention and
16 protection and is represented by a voting member on the state
17 building code council.



1 From 1979 to 2001, the state fire council had no funding
2 for staff and relied heavily upon county personnel to accomplish
3 its responsibilities. In 2001, the governor directed the
4 department of labor and industrial relations to allocate \$35,000
5 to fund the state fire council's first employee. In 2011, the
6 legislature appropriated an additional \$71,000 for the state
7 fire council to hire two additional employees. In 2014, a
8 program specialist was hired to administer the reduced ignition
9 propensity cigarette program despite no foreseeable budgetary
10 increases. Therefore, the legislature finds that the state fire
11 council would greatly benefit from additional personnel so that
12 it may promote statewide fire and life safety activities.

13 The purpose of this Act to is to authorize the expenditure
14 of moneys collected from the reduced ignition propensity
15 cigarette fees to fund fire and life safety programs.

16 SECTION 2. Section 132C-9, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
17 amended to read as follows:

18 " **[+]§132C-9[+]** **Reduced ignition propensity cigarette**
19 **program special fund.** (a) There is established in the state
20 treasury a reduced ignition propensity cigarette program special
21 fund, into which shall be deposited all moneys collected by the



1 state fire council from the reduced ignition propensity
2 cigarette program pursuant to section 132C-4. All interest
3 earned or accrued on moneys deposited in the fund shall become
4 part of the fund.

5 (b) Moneys in the reduced ignition propensity cigarette
6 program special fund shall be administered and expended by the
7 state fire council to defray the actual cost of fire and life
8 safety programs and activities [~~and requirements of section~~
9 ~~132C-4,~~] of the council, including employing one full-time
10 administrator and one full-time assistant [~~whose duties~~
11 ~~include:~~] or other part-time personnel.

12 (c) The duties of the state fire council shall include:

- 13 (1) Adopting administrative rules for program
14 implementation, establishing compliance inspections,
15 and approving forms and enforcement procedures and
16 guidelines;
- 17 (2) Receiving certifications for approximately six hundred
18 different brands and styles of cigarettes from the
19 manufacturers;
- 20 (3) Compiling a list of the cigarette brands and styles
21 for which manufacturers have submitted certifications,



1 verifying tax stamp compliance with the department of
2 the attorney general, and posting the list of
3 certified brands and styles on a state website for
4 informational purposes only;

5 (4) Reviewing and approving, as needed, any alternative
6 test methods or fire standard compliance markings
7 submitted by the manufacturer; and

8 (5) If needed, submitting certified cigarettes to an
9 accredited laboratory for testing to verify that
10 performance standards have been met."

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

13 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2050.



Report Title:

State Fire Council Package; Reduced Ignition Propensity
Cigarette Fees

Description:

Provides for additional use of the Reduced Ignition Propensity
Cigarette certification fees to support the State Fire Council
and its programs and activities. Effective 7/1/2050. (SD1)

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March 13, 2018

The Honorable Aaron Ling Johanson, Chair
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House of Representatives
State Capitol, Room 426
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Dear Chair Johanson:

Subject: Senate Bill (SB) 2184, Senate Draft (SD) 1 Relating to Fire Protection

I am Manuel P. Neves, Chair of the Hawaii State Fire Council (SFC) and Fire Chief of the Honolulu Fire Department (HFD). The SFC and the HFD support SB 2184, SD 1, which proposes to provide additional use of the Reduced Ignition Propensity Cigarette (RIPC) certification fees to support the SFC and its programs and activities.

The SFC was established by the Hawaii State Legislature in 1979 to replace the State Fire Marshal's office. It is comprised of the four county Fire Chiefs and administratively attached to the Department of Labor and Industrial Relations (DLIR). The SFC is responsible for adopting the state fire code, administering federal fire-related grants, enforcing the RIPC program, coordinating statewide fire training, and collecting data. It is also in the process of adopting administrative rules to establish statewide qualifications for testing and certifying individuals who perform maintenance and testing of portable fire extinguishers, fire protection systems, and fire alarm systems.

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As such, the legislature finds that the SFC would greatly benefit from additional personnel so that it may promote statewide fire and life safety activities. The purpose of this bill is to authorize the expenditure of monies collected from RIPC fees to fund fire and life safety programs by hiring additional personnel.

We request that the bill be amended to appropriate an additional \$100,000 into the SFC's annual budget to fund statewide fire and safety programs.

Life safety is a priority for the SFC and the HFD, and we urge your committee's support on the passage of SB 2184, SD 1.

Should you have questions, please contact SFC Administrative Specialist Lloyd Rogers at 723-7176 or lrogers@honolulu.gov.

Sincerely,



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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jeffrey A. Murray". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a prominent loop at the end.

JEFFREY A. MURRAY
Fire Chief

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Submitted on: 3/14/2018 1:53:01 AM

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