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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 is comprised of the four county fire chiefs and is
3 administratively attached to the department of labor and
4 industrial relations. The state fire council is responsible for
5 adopting a state fire code, administering the requirements for a
6 reduced ignition propensity cigarette program, and applying and
7 administering federal grant assistance for fire-related
8 projects. The state fire council may also establish
9 qualifications for testing and certifying individuals who
10 perform maintenance and testing of portable fire extinguishers,
11 fire protection and fire alarm systems, and private fire
12 hydrants. The state fire council is also authorized to appoint
13 advisory committees to coordinate statewide training, data
14 collection, contingency planning needs for firefighters, and
15 advise the governor and legislature with respect to fire
16 protection and life safety. Currently, the state fire council's
17 budget is funded by the department of land and industrial



1 relations and is not sufficient to employ a full-time
2 administrator and an administrative assistant. Instead, the
3 state fire council has utilized the funds in a memorandum of
4 agreement with the Honolulu fire department to employ part-time
5 staff to assist with the state fire council's responsibilities.

6 The purpose of this Act is to allow the state fire council
7 to employ support staff personnel and clarify that office
8 equipment and supplies for the council are an authorized use of
9 the budget received from the department of labor and industrial
10 relations.

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

13 "[+]§132-18[+] **Administrative staffing for the state fire**
14 **council.** (a) The state fire council may employ [~~on a full-time~~
15 ~~basis~~] an administrator [~~and~~], administrative assistant, or
16 other staff personnel, without regard to chapters 76 and 89.

17 The administrator shall administer the affairs of the state fire
18 council at the direction of the council. The state fire council
19 shall determine the compensation for the administrator [~~and~~
20 ~~the~~], administrative assistant[-], and other staff personnel.



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1 (b) The administrator [~~and~~], administrative assistant, and
2 other staff personnel shall assist the state fire council in
3 carrying out the duties of the council under section 132-16,
4 including:

- 5 (1) Administration of the daily operations of the state
6 fire council;
- 7 (2) Administration of the adoption process of the state
8 fire code by the counties;
- 9 (3) Submission of applications for and expending of
10 federal grants and assistance for fire-related
11 projects;
- 12 (4) Administration of the reduced ignition propensity
13 cigarette program;
- 14 (5) Coordination of the statewide fire and life safety
15 training, education, and data collection programs; and
- 16 (6) Implementation of other related duties as directed by
17 the state fire council.

18 (c) The budgetary requirements for conducting meetings and
19 other related functions of the state fire council, including
20 office equipment and supplies and the salaries of the
21 administrator [~~and~~], administrative assistant, and other staff



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1 personnel, shall be included in the budget of the department of
2 labor and industrial relations."

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:

State Fire Council; Office Personnel and Supplies

Description:

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