

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: S.B. No. 149

S.D. 1

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi  
President of the Senate  
Thirtieth State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2019  
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committees on Public Safety, Intergovernmental, and Military Affairs and Labor, Culture and the Arts, to which was referred S.B. No. 149 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE STATE FIRE COUNCIL,"

beg leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to:

- (1) Authorize the State Fire Council to employ additional staff, contract with any county fire department to fulfill staff positions, and purchase office equipment and supplies; and
- (2) Repeal the requirement that the State Fire Council Administrator and other staff be employed on a full-time basis.

Your Committees received testimony in support of this measure from the Hawaii State Fire Council, Hawai'i Fire Department of the County of Hawai'i, Honolulu Fire Department, O'ahu County Committee on Legislative Priorities of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i, Kaua'i Fire Department, and Maui Fire Department.

Your Committees find that the State Fire Council is composed of the four county fire chiefs and is responsible for a variety of tasks, including adopting the state fire code, applying for and

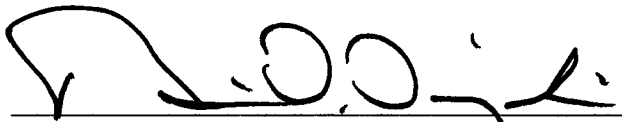


administering federal grant assistance for fire-related projects, appointing advisory committees to coordinate statewide training, data collection, and contingency planning needs for firefighters; advising the Governor and Legislature with respect to fire protection and life safety; and establishing qualifications for the testing and certification of individuals who perform maintenance and testing of portable fire extinguishers, fire protection and fire alarm systems, and private fire hydrants. This measure provides the State Fire Council with greater flexibility in employing personnel and the authority to expend funds for the purchase of office equipment and supplies.

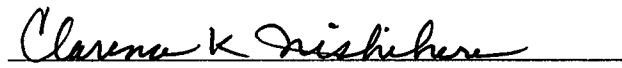
Your Committees have amended this measure by making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity and consistency.

As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committees on Public Safety, Intergovernmental, and Military Affairs and Labor, Culture and the Arts that are attached to this report, your Committees are in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 149, as amended herein, and recommend that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 149, S.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Ways and Means.

Respectfully submitted on  
behalf of the members of the  
Committees on Public Safety,  
Intergovernmental, and Military  
Affairs and Labor, Culture and  
the Arts,



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BRIAN T. TANIGUCHI, Chair

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CLARENCE K. NISHIHARA, Chair

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The Recommendation is:		
<input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311 <input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310 <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313		
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)
NISHIHARA, Clarence K. (C)	✓	
WAKAI, Glenn (VC)		✓
BAKER, Rosalyn H.	✓	
HARIMOTO, Breene	✓	
FEVELLA, Kurt		✓
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Nay	-	2
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TANIGUCHI, Brian T. (C)	✓			
IHARA, Jr., Les (VC)	✓			
CHANG, Stanley	✓			
GABBARD, Mike				✓
FEVELLA, Kurt				✓
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