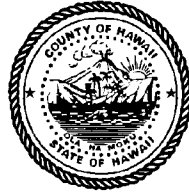


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February 5, 2019

The Honorable Clarence Nishihara, Chair
Committee on Public Safety, Intergovernmental,
and Military Affairs
The State Senate
State Capitol, Room 224
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

Dear Chair Nishihara:

Subject: S.B. 149, RELATING TO THE STATE FIRE COUNCIL
Hearing Date: Thursday, February 7, 2019
Time/Place of Hearing: 3:15 p.m., Conference Room 224

I am Darren J. Rosario, Member of the Hawai'i State Fire Council (SFC) and Fire Chief of the Hawai'i Fire Department of the County of Hawai'i (HCFD). The SFC and the HCFD supports SB 149, which proposes to revise the statutory language to allow flexibility in hiring personnel to accomplish the responsibilities of the SFC. The bill further proposes to allow a county fire department to employ personnel and the allotted funds to be used for office equipment and supplies. The SFC is comprised of the four county Fire Chiefs, administratively attached to the Department of Labor and Industrial Relations (DLIR).

The current language allows the SFC to employ a full-time Administrator and Administrative Assistant. As proposed, a revision of the existing language to include employing part-time personnel or other staff would allow hiring personnel based on the allotted funding. Furthermore it would allow for the classification of such personnel to be the responsibility of the hiring agency. The SFC and the HCFD urges your committee's support on the passage of SB 149.

Please do not hesitate to call me at 932-2901 or darren.rosario@hawaiicounty.gov should you have any questions. Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in support of SB 149.

Respectfully,

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DARREN J. ROSARIO
Fire Chief



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February 5, 2019

The Honorable Clarence Nishihara, Chair
Committee on Public Safety, Intergovernmental,
and Military Affairs
The State Senate
State Capitol, Room 214
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Chair Nishihara:

Subject: Senate Bill (SB) 149 Relating to the State Fire Council

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 149, which proposes to revise the statutory language to allow flexibility in hiring personnel to accomplish the responsibilities of the SFC. It would also allow a county fire department to employ personnel and the allotted funds to be used for office equipment and supplies.

The SFC was established by the Hawaii State Legislature in 1979 to replace the State Fire Marshal's (SFM) office. It is comprised of the four county Fire Chiefs, administratively attached to the Department of Labor and Industrial Relations (DLIR), and Hawaii's equivalent of a SFM.

The current language allows the SFC to employ full-time personnel and specifies the positions as an Administrator and Administrative Assistant. This bill proposes to revise the language to include employing part-time personnel or other staff. This would allow hiring personnel based on the allotted funding and the classification of such personnel the responsibility of the hiring agency.

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

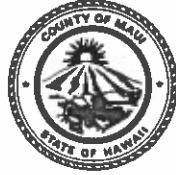
Sincerely,



MANUEL P. NEVES
Chair

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February 5, 2019

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Committee on Public Safety, Intergovernmental,
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The State Senate
State Capitol, Room 214
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Chair Nishihara:

Subject: Senate Bill (SB) 149 Relating to the State Fire Council

I am David C. Thyne, member of the Hawaii State Fire Council (SFC) and Fire Chief of the Maui Fire Department (MFD). The SFC and the MFD support SB 149, which proposes to revise the statutory language to allow flexibility in hiring personnel to accomplish the responsibilities of the SFC. It would also allow a county fire department to employ personnel and the allotted funds to be used for office equipment and supplies.

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Sincerely,

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DAVID C. THYNE
Fire Chief

DCT/LR:clc



KAUA'I FIRE DEPARTMENT
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February 6, 2019

The Honorable Clarence Nishihara, Chair
Committee on Public Safety, Intergovernmental,
and Military Affairs
The State Senate
State Capitol, Room 214
Honolulu, HI 96813

Aloha Chair Nishihara:

Subject: Senate Bill (SB) 149 Relating to State Fire Council

I am Kilipaki Vaughan, Deputy Fire Chief of the Kauai Fire Department (KFD). The KFD supports SB 149, which proposes to revise the statutory language to allow flexibility in hiring personnel to accomplish the responsibilities of the Hawaii State Fire Council (SFC). It would also allow a county fire department to employ personnel and the allotted funds to be used for office equipment and supplies.

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The KFD respectfully request your passage of SB 149.

Should you have questions, please contact me at (808) 241-4980 or via email at kvaughan@kauai.gov

Ke aloha nui,

Kilipaki Vaughan
Deputy Fire Chief
Kauai Fire Department, County of Kauai

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Testimony for PSM on 2/7/2019 3:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Melodie Aduja	Testifying for O`ahu County Committee on Legislative Priorities of the Democratic Party of Hawai`i	Support	No

Comments: