
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 composed 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 the state fire code, administering the requirements for
6 a reduced ignition propensity cigarette program, and applying
7 and administering federal grant assistance for fire-related
8 projects. The state fire council's duties also include
9 appointing advisory committees to coordinate statewide training,
10 data collection, and contingency planning needs for
11 firefighters; advising the governor and legislature with respect
12 to fire protection and life safety; and establishing
13 qualifications for the testing and certification of individuals
14 who perform maintenance and testing of portable fire
15 extinguishers, fire protection and fire alarm systems, and
16 private fire hydrants.



1 The legislature further finds that the state fire council
2 currently receives funding from the department of labor and
3 industrial relations. However, the funding is not sufficient to
4 employ a full-time administrator and an administrative
5 assistant. Accordingly, to satisfy personnel requirements, the
6 state fire council has historically entered into a memorandum of
7 agreement with the Honolulu fire department for part-time staff
8 to fulfill the council's duties and responsibilities.

9 The purpose of this Act is to provide the state fire
10 council with greater flexibility in employing personnel and the
11 authority to expend funds for the purchase of office equipment
12 and supplies.

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

15 "~~§~~132-18~~§~~ **Administrative staffing for the state fire**
16 **council.** (a) The state fire council may employ ~~[on a full-time~~
17 ~~basis]~~ an administrator ~~[and]~~, an administrative assistant, and
18 other staff without regard to chapters 76 and 89. The
19 administrator, administrative assistant, and other staff shall
20 administer the affairs of the state fire council at the
21 direction of the council. The state fire council shall



1 determine the compensation for the administrator [~~and the~~],
2 administrative assistant[~~-~~], and other staff.

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

6 (1) Administration of the daily operations of the state
7 fire council;

8 (2) Administration of the adoption process of the state
9 fire code by the counties;

10 (3) Submission of applications for and expending of
11 federal grants and assistance for fire-related
12 projects;

13 (4) Administration of the reduced ignition propensity
14 cigarette program;

15 (5) Coordination of the statewide fire and life safety
16 training, education, and data collection programs; and

17 (6) Implementation of other related duties as directed by
18 the state fire council.

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



1 and other staff, and the purchase of office equipment and
2 supplies shall be included in the budget of the department of
3 labor and industrial relations.

4 (d) The state fire council may contract with any county
5 fire department to employ any individual as authorized by this
6 section."

7 SECTION 3. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
8 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

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

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Report Title:

State Fire Council Package; Fire Protection; Administrator;
Staff; Employees

Description:

Authorizes the state fire council to employ additional staff, contract with any county fire department to fulfill staff positions, and purchase office equipment and supplies. Repeals the requirement that the state fire council administrator and other staff be employed on a full-time basis. (SD1)

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