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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 the state fire
2 council has a wide range of responsibilities, from reviewing and
3 maintaining the state fire code to coordinating the collection
4 of fire data to supporting contingency planning for
5 firefighters. The state fire council is responsible for
6 establishing statewide qualifications for testing, certifying
7 and credentialing the individuals who maintain and test portable
8 fire extinguishers, fire protection systems, and fire alarms.
9 The council advises the governor and the legislature and
10 conducts public outreach and education campaigns on matters
11 relating to fire prevention, protection, and safety. The
12 council also oversees the reduced ignition propensity cigarette
13 program and administers the reduced ignition propensity
14 cigarette program special fund.

15 The legislature recognizes that, until 2001, the state fire
16 council received no funding for staff personnel to fulfill its
17 extensive responsibilities. Instead, county employees were



1 required to perform these duties without any additional pay. In
2 2001, the governor directed the department of labor and
3 industrial relations to allocate \$35,000 to fund one part-time
4 employee for the state fire council. In 2011, the legislature
5 appropriated an additional \$71,000 for two paid positions.

6 The legislature finds that additional paid personnel would
7 allow the state fire council to expand programs that benefit
8 vulnerable and at-risk individuals. Statewide education and
9 outreach programs could promote the protection of life,
10 property, and the environment. The state fire council could
11 expand existing programs that have proven very successful,
12 including its firefighter safety guide program for the State's
13 youth and the residential smoke alarm installation program for
14 at-risk seniors.

15 Accordingly, the purpose of this Act is to authorize the
16 state fire council to administer and expend funds from the
17 reduced ignition propensity cigarette program special fund to
18 support statewide fire prevention and safety programs.

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



1 " [†]§132C-9[†] **Reduced ignition propensity cigarette**
2 **program special fund.** (a) There is established in the state
3 treasury a reduced ignition propensity cigarette program special
4 fund, into which shall be deposited all moneys collected by the
5 state fire council from the reduced ignition propensity
6 cigarette program pursuant to section 132C-4. All interest
7 earned or accrued on moneys deposited in the fund shall become
8 part of the fund.

9 (b) Moneys in the reduced ignition propensity cigarette
10 program special fund shall be administered and expended by the
11 state fire council to defray the actual cost of activities and
12 requirements of section 132C-4, including employing one full-
13 time administrator and one full-time assistant whose duties
14 include:

15 (1) Adopting administrative rules for program
16 implementation, establishing compliance inspections,
17 and approving forms and enforcement procedures and
18 guidelines;

19 (2) Receiving certifications for approximately six hundred
20 different brands and styles of cigarettes from the
21 manufacturers:



1 (3) Compiling a list of the cigarette brands and styles
2 for which manufacturers have submitted certifications,
3 verifying tax stamp compliance with the department of
4 the attorney general, and posting the list of
5 certified brands and styles on a state website for
6 informational purposes only;

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

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

13 (c) Moneys in the reduced ignition propensity cigarette
14 program special fund may also be administered and expended by
15 the state fire council to defray the costs, including the costs
16 of employing administrative personnel, of statewide fire
17 prevention, education, safety, and preparedness programs,
18 especially as they relate to youth, seniors, and persons with
19 disabilities."

20 SECTION 3. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
21 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.



1 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2020.

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INTRODUCED BY: 
By Request



S.B. NO. 2129

Report Title:

State Fire Council Package; Reduced Ignition Propensity
Cigarette Program Special Fund

Description:

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