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A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO THE REDUCED IGNITION PROPENSITY CIGARETTE PROGRAM.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that in 2008, Hawaii
2 enacted the reduced ignition propensity cigarette program and
3 tasked the state fire council with its implementation. As
4 stated in section 132C-1, Hawaii Revised Statutes, "[i]t is the
5 intent of this chapter to require that only reduced ignition
6 propensity cigarettes be sold in the State."

7 The legislature further finds that while the law allows
8 moneys in the reduced ignition propensity cigarette program
9 special fund to be expended for a full-time administrator and a
10 full-time assistant, the job classification for the current
11 employee is for a part-time program specialist. The statute
12 also does not allow reduced ignition propensity cigarette
13 program employees to be exempt from chapters 76 and 89, Hawaii
14 Revised Statutes, which is contrary to the provisions of section
15 132-18, Hawaii Revised Statutes, for other state fire council
16 staff.



1 The purpose of this Act is to provide the state fire
2 council with greater flexibility in job classifications and
3 hiring of reduced ignition propensity cigarette program
4 employees.

5 Specifically, this Act authorizes the state fire council to
6 employ for the reduced ignition propensity cigarette program:

7 (1) Additional staff as necessary;

8 (2) The administrator, the assistant, and other necessary
9 staff without regard to chapters 76 and 89, Hawaii
10 Revised Statutes; and

11 (3) The administrator, the assistant, and other necessary
12 staff each on a part-time or full-time basis.

13 SECTION 2. Section 132C-9, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
14 amended by amending subsection (b) to read as follows:

15 "(b) Moneys in the reduced ignition propensity cigarette
16 program special fund shall be administered and expended by the
17 state fire council to defray the actual cost of activities and
18 requirements of section 132C-4, including employing [~~one full-~~
19 ~~time~~] as needed an administrator [and one full-time], an
20 assistant [whose duties], and other staff. The employment of
21 the administrator, assistant, and other necessary staff may be



1 without regard to chapters 76 and 89 and on a full-time or part-
2 time basis. The duties of the administrator, assistant, and
3 other staff shall include:

4 (1) Adopting administrative rules for program
5 implementation, establishing compliance inspections,
6 and approving forms and enforcement procedures and
7 guidelines;

8 (2) Receiving certifications for approximately six hundred
9 different brands and styles of cigarettes from the
10 manufacturers;

11 (3) Compiling a list of the cigarette brands and styles
12 for which manufacturers have submitted certifications,
13 verifying tax stamp compliance with the department of
14 the attorney general, and posting the list of
15 certified brands and styles on a state website for
16 informational purposes only;

17 (4) Reviewing and approving, as needed, any alternative
18 test methods or fire standard compliance markings
19 submitted by the manufacturer; and



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1 (5) If needed, submitting certified cigarettes to an
2 accredited laboratory for testing to verify that
3 performance standards have been met."

4 SECTION 3. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
5 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

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

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INTRODUCED BY: _____ *[Signature]*
By Request



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Report Title:

State Fire Council Package; Reduced Ignition Propensity
Cigarette Program; Employment

Description:

Authorizes the state fire council to hire all reduced ignition propensity cigarette program employees as necessary; without regard to chapters 76 and 89, Hawaii Revised Statutes; and on a part-time or full-time basis.

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