

HB
495

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 comprises the four county fire chiefs and is attached
3 for administrative purposes 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 for and administering federal grant assistance for fire-related
8 projects. The state fire council may also establish
9 qualifications for testing and certifying individuals who
10 perform maintenance and testing of portable fire extinguishers,
11 fire protection and fire alarm systems, and private fire
12 hydrants.

13 The purpose of this Act is to specify the allowable fire
14 protection systems certifications that an individual may obtain,
15 more closely aligning the state fire code with nationally
16 recognized standards.



1 SECTION 2. Section 132-16, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
2 amended by amending subsection (c) to read as follows:

3 "(c) The state fire council may also:

4 (1) Appoint advisory committees comprised of
5 representatives from each county fire department to
6 assist in drafting the state fire code and
7 coordinating statewide training, data collection, and
8 contingency planning needs for firefighters;

9 (2) Advise and assist the county fire departments where
10 appropriate, may prescribe standard procedures and
11 forms relating to inspections, investigations, and
12 reporting of fires, may approve plans for cooperation
13 among the county fire departments, and may advise the
14 governor and the legislature with respect to fire
15 prevention and protection, life safety, and any other
16 functions or activities for which the various county
17 fire departments are generally responsible; and

18 (3) Establish, in conformance with the adopted state fire
19 code and nationally recognized standards, statewide
20 qualifications and procedures, to be administered by
21 the county fire departments, for testing, certifying,



H.B. NO. 495

Report Title:

State Fire Council Package; Fire Protection Systems
Certifications

Description:

Specifies the allowable fire protection systems certifications
that an individual may obtain.

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not legislation or evidence of legislative intent.*



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February 4, 2019

The Honorable Roy Takumi, Chair
Committee on Consumer Protection
and Commerce
State Capitol, Room 231
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Chair Takumi:

Subject: House Bill (HB) 495 Relating to Fire Protection

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 HB 495, which proposes to specify the allowable fire protection systems certifications that an individual may obtain, to more closely align the current statute with the state fire code and nationally recognized standards.

Hawaii Revised Statutes, Chapter 132, currently authorizes the SFC to establish statewide qualifications for testing, certifying, and credentialing individuals who perform maintenance and testing of portable fire extinguishers, fire protection systems, and fire alarm systems. This bill proposes to define the two distinct fire protection systems licenses that individuals are required to obtain:

1. Water-based fire protection systems
2. Other fire protection systems

Water-based fire protection systems include fire extinguishing systems, such as automatic fire sprinklers, wet and dry standpipe systems, and fire pumps where water is the primary fire suppressant. Other fire protection systems replace water with dry or wet chemical, carbon dioxide, or clean agents as the primary fire suppressant. The bill also proposes to include a private fire hydrant license which, like water and other fire protection systems, requires regular maintenance in order to operate properly when

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needed. Maintenance testing requirements of these different systems are outlined in the National Fire Protection Agency's national standards, and their proper operation is critical to life safety not only of building occupants, but fire fighters as well.

The SFC and the HFD respectfully request your passage of HB 495.

Should you have any questions, please contact SFC Administrative Specialist at 723-7176 or Irogers@honolulu.gov.

Sincerely,



MANUEL P. NEVES
Chair

MPN/LR:clc



KAUA'I FIRE DEPARTMENT
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DEPUTY FIRE CHIEF

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The Honorable Roy Takumi, Chair
Committee on Consumer Protection
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State Capitol, Room 320
Honolulu, HI 96813

Aloha Chair Takumi:

Subject: House Bill (HB) 495 Relating to Fire Protection

I am Kilipaki Vaughan, Deputy Fire Chief of the Kauai Fire Department (KFD). The KFD supports HB 495, which proposes to specify the allowable fire protection systems certifications that an individual may obtain, to more closely align the current statute with the state fire code and nationally recognized standards.

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The KFD respectfully request your passage of HB 495.

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

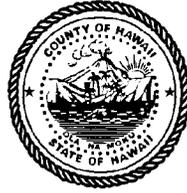
Ke aloha nui,

Kilipaki Vaughan
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Kauai Fire Department, County of Kauai

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The Honorable Roy Takumi, Chair
Committee on Consumer Protection
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House of Representatives
State Capitol, Room 329
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

Dear Chair Takumi:

Subject: H.B. 495, RELATING TO FIRE PROTECTION
Hearing Date: Tuesday, February 5, 2019
Time/Place of Hearing: 2:00 p.m., Conference Room 329

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 support HB 495, which proposes to specify the allowable fire protection systems certifications that an individual may obtain, to more closely align the current statute with the state fire code and nationally recognized standards.

Hawai'i Revised Statutes, Chapter 132, currently authorizes The SFC is currently authorized to establish statewide qualifications for testing, certifying, and credentialing individuals who perform maintenance and testing of portable fire extinguishers, fire protection systems, and fire alarm systems. This authorization falls under the HRS, Chapter 132. The intent of this bill is to propose to define; a.) Water-based fire protection systems, and b.) Other fire protection systems. the bill would define these two distinct fire protection systems licenses that individuals are required to obtain.

The bill also proposes to include a private fire hydrant license which, like water and other fire protection systems, requires regular maintenance in order to operate properly when needed. Maintenance testing requirements of these different systems are outlined in the National Fire Protection Agency's national standards, and their proper operation is critical to life safety not only of building occupants, but fire fighters as well.

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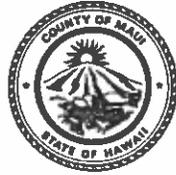
Please do not hesitate to call me at 932-2901 or darren.rosario@hawaiicounty.gov should you have any questions. Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in support of HB 495.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Darren J. Rosario".

DARREN J. ROSARIO
Fire Chief

MICHAEL P. VICTORINO
MAYOR



DAVID THYNE
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DEPUTY FIRE CHIEF

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The Honorable Roy Takumi, Chair
Committee on Consumer Protection
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State Capitol, Room 231
Honolulu, HI 96813

Dear Chair Takumi:

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Sincerely,



DAVID C. THYNE
Fire Chief

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