## HOUSE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR AND INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS TO AUTHORIZE THE STATE FIRE COUNCIL TO EMPLOY AN ADMINISTRATOR AND AN ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT.

WHEREAS, Section 132-16, Hawaii Revised Statutes, establishes the State Fire Council, which consists of the fire chiefs of the counties; and

WHEREAS, the functions of the state fire council is to adopt the state fire code, and to coordinate applications to the federal government for federal grant assistance for fire-related projects and to administer those grants; and

WHEREAS, the state fire council also undertakes myriad other fire-prevention duties, including fire inspection and prevention; and

WHEREAS, the State Fire Council is administratively attached to the Department of Labor and Industrial Relations; and

WHEREAS, current law does not provide for an administrator for the State Fire Council; and

WHEREAS, the State Fire Council has difficulty in performing its functions which have been assumed by county fire departments instead, but this has caused county fire departments to lose the use of personnel who perform the duties of the Council; and

WHEREAS, an administrator is needed to assist the council with its operations to enhance the effectiveness and efficiency of the State Fire Council; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the Twenty-third Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2006, that the Department of Labor and Industrial Relations is requested to authorize the creation of positions for an

administrator and an administrative assistant for the State Fire Council; and

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this Resolution be transmitted to the Director of Labor and Industrial Relations, the State Fire Council, and the Fire Chief of each county.

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