THE SENATE TWENTY-SEVENTH LEGISLATURE, 2014 STATE OF HAWAII

## A BILL FOR AN ACT

S.B. NO.

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RELATING TO FIRE PROTECTION.

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

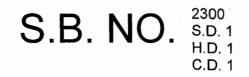
1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that there is a need to 2 set minimum qualification standards in testing and certification 3 of individuals, operators, and contractors who perform 4 maintenance and testing of portable fire extinguishers, fire 5 protection systems, and fire alarm systems. The legislature further finds that these certifications should be recognized 6 7 throughout the State of Hawaii and be based on the currently 8 adopted state fire code and standards.

9 The purpose of this Act is to authorize the state fire 10 council to establish statewide qualifications and procedures for testing, certifying, and credentialing individuals who perform 11 12 maintenance and testing of portable fire extinguishers, fire 13 protection systems, and fire alarm systems to be administered by 14 county fire departments; provided that the county fire 15 departments may establish and charge reasonable certification 16 fees.

17 SECTION 2. Section 132-16, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is18 amended to read as follows:



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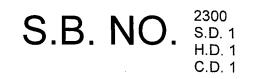
"§132-16 State fire council; composition; functions. 1 (a) There is established a state fire council which shall be placed 2 within the department of labor and industrial relations for 3 administrative purposes. The state fire council shall consist 4 of the fire chiefs of the counties. The state fire council may 5 appoint an advisory committee to assist it in carrying out its 6 7 functions under this chapter. The advisory committee may include the heads of the various county building departments, a 8 9 licensed architect recommended by the Hawaii Society of the American Institute of Architects, a licensed electrical engineer 10 and a licensed mechanical engineer recommended by the Consulting 11 Engineers Council of Hawaii, a representative of the Hawaii 12 13 Rating Bureau, a representative of the Hawaii firefighters association, representatives of the county fire departments, and 14 such other members of the public as the state fire council may 15 determine can best assist it. The state fire council shall 16 17 elect a chairperson from among its members.

18 (b) In addition to adopting a state fire code pursuant to19 section 132-3, the state fire council shall:

20 (1) Administer the requirements for reduced ignition
21 propensity cigarettes, in accordance with chapter
22 132C; and



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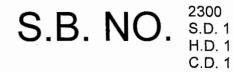


1	(2)	Serve as a focal point through which all applications
2		to the federal government for federal grant assistance
3		for fire-related projects shall be made. Upon the
4		receipt of any such federal grants, the state fire
5		council shall administer those federal grants.
6	(c)	The state fire council may also:
7	(1)	Appoint advisory committees comprised of
8		representatives from each county fire department to
9		assist in drafting the state fire code and
10		coordinating statewide training, data collection, and
11		contingency planning needs for firefighters; [ <del>and</del> ]
12	(2)	Advise and assist the county fire departments where
13		appropriate, may prescribe standard procedures and
14		forms relating to inspections, investigations, and
15		reporting of fires, may approve plans for cooperation
16		among the county fire departments, and may advise the
17		governor and the legislature with respect to fire
18		prevention and protection, life safety, and any other
19		functions or activities for which the various county
20		fire departments are generally responsible [-]; and
21	(3)	Establish, in conformance with the adopted state fire
22		code and nationally recognized standards, statewide
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1	qualifications and procedures, to be administered by	
2	the county fire departments, for testing, certifying,	
3	and credentialing individuals who perform maintenance	
4	and testing of portable fire extinguishers, fire	
5	protection systems, and fire alarm systems; provided	
6	that the county fire departments may establish and	
7	charge reasonable certification fees.	
8	(d) The state fire council may adopt rules pursuant to	
9	chapter 91 for purposes of this section."	
10	SECTION 3. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed	
11	and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.	
12	SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.	





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## Description:

Authorizes the State Fire Council to establish statewide qualifications and procedures for testing, certifying, and credentialing individuals who conduct maintenance and testing of portable fire extinguishers, fire protection systems, and fire alarm systems. (CD1)

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