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# SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE STATE FIRE MARSHAL TO APPOINT A HYDROGEN FIRE  
SAFETY EXPERT AND PROVIDE TRAINING ON HYDROGEN-RELATED  
SAFETY PROTOCOLS.

1           WHEREAS, the position of the State Fire Marshal was  
2 abolished in 1979, leaving Hawaii as the only state without a  
3 state fire marshal; and  
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5           WHEREAS, the 2023 Maui wildfires that destroyed substantial  
6 portions of Lahaina demonstrated renewed need for a State Fire  
7 Marshal to coordinate statewide fire safety; and  
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9           WHEREAS, Act 209, Session Laws of Hawaii 2024, and Act 302,  
10 Session Laws of Hawaii 2025, were passed to improve statewide  
11 fire safety, including through the establishment of the Office  
12 of the State Fire Marshal; and  
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14           WHEREAS, the Office of the State Fire Marshal performs  
15 critical safety functions, including reviewing and assessing the  
16 State's fire risk, coordinating fire protection efforts,  
17 proposing amendments to the State Fire Code, conducting  
18 inspections of state buildings and facilities, and overseeing  
19 the training and certification of fire inspectors; and  
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21           WHEREAS, hydrogen is an efficient and clean energy source  
22 that has numerous practical applications, including in hydrogen  
23 fuel cell vehicles; and  
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25           WHEREAS, hydrogen fuel, while generally safer than many  
26 common fuels because of its nontoxicity and rapid rate of  
27 dissipation, still poses safety risks, including the risk of  
28 fire; and  
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30           WHEREAS, hydrogen is highly flammable, necessitating  
31 additional fire safety considerations during handling and use;  
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WHEREAS, the National Fire Prevention Association has adopted the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) 2 Hydrogen Technologies Code to establish national standards for handling hydrogen; and

WHEREAS, the United States Occupational Safety and Health Administration also provides guidelines on the safe handling and use of hydrogen as a hazardous material; now, therefore,

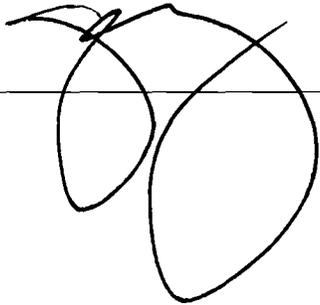
BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Thirty-third Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2026, the House of Representatives concurring, that the State Fire Marshal is requested to appoint a hydrogen fire safety expert who will provide expertise on the implementation of hydrogen fuel production, storage, and distribution facilities and ensure that hydrogen facilities comply with the most recent fire safety standards; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the State Fire Marshal is requested to ensure that the hydrogen fire safety expert holds safety trainings at least twice each year; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the State Fire Marshal is requested to provide ongoing training to county fire departments and building inspectors to ensure that hydrogen-related safety protocols are understood and enforced statewide; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the State Fire Marshal.

OFFERED BY:

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