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SENATE 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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34 WHEREAS, the National Fire Prevention Association has
35 adopted the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) 2



1 Hydrogen Technologies Code to establish national standards for
2 handling hydrogen; and

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

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

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

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

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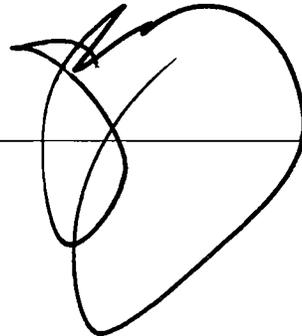
25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this
26 Resolution be transmitted to the State Fire Marshal.

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OFFERED BY: _____

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