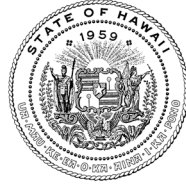


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March 24, 2026

To: The Honorable David Tarnas, Chair,
The Honorable Mahina Poepoe, Vice Chair, and
Members of the House Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs

Date: Tuesday, March 24, 2026
Time: 2:00 p.m.
Place: Conference Room 325, State Capitol

From: Jade T. Butay, Director
Department of Labor and Industrial Relations (DLIR)

Re: S.B. 3140 H.D.1 RELATING TO THE STATE FIRE COUNCIL

The **DLIR strongly supports** this Governor's Package measure, which designates the Department of Law Enforcement—rather than the Department of Labor and Industrial Relations—as the agency responsible for budgeting administrative staffing for the State Fire Council.

SB3140 HD1 aligns the State Fire Council statute with the intent of Act 302 (SLH, 2025), which transferred the State Fire Council and the State Fire Marshal to the Department of Law Enforcement for administrative purposes effective July 1, 2025.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony on this important matter.

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March 23, 2026

The Honorable David Tarnas, Chair
Committee on Judiciary and Hawaiian Affairs
House of Representatives
State Capitol, Room 442
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

Dear Chair Tarnas:

Subject: Senate Bill (SB) 3140, House Draft (HD) 1 Relating to the State Fire Council (SFC)

I am Sheldon K. Hao, Chair of the SFC and Fire Chief of the Honolulu Fire Department. The SFC supports SB 3140, HD 1, which replaces the Department of Labor and Industrial Relations (DLIR) with the Department of Law Enforcement (DLE) as the department responsible for budgeting administrative staffing for the SFC.

This amendment aligns with the intent of Act 302 (Session Laws of Hawaii, 2025), which transferred the SFC and the State Fire Marshal to the DLE for administrative purposes effective July 1, 2025. If passed, SB 3140, HD 1 would reduce workload and streamline administrative processes for the DLIR, the DLE, and the SFC.

The SFC urges your committee's support of the passage of SB 3140, HD 1.

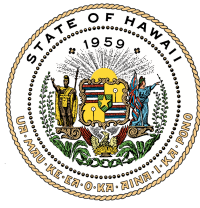
Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony. Should you have questions, please contact SFC Administrative Specialist Gary Lum at 723-7169 or glum@honolulu.gov.

Sincerely,

SHELDON K. HAO
Chair

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TESTIMONY ON SENATE BILL 3140, HOUSE DRAFT 1

RELATING TO THE STATE FIRE COUNCIL

Before the House Committee on
JUDICIARY & HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS
Tuesday, March 24, 2026, 2:00 PM
State Capitol Conference Room 325
Testifier: Dorothy Booth

Chair Tarnas, Vice Chair Poepoe, and members of the Committee:

The Office of the State Fire Marshal (OSFM) supports Senate Bill 3140, House Draft 1, which proposes replacing the Department of Labor and Industrial Relations with the Department of Law Enforcement (DLE) as the department responsible for budgeting and administrative staffing for the State Fire Council.

This bill represents the realignment of administrative responsibility for the State Fire Council's staffing budget. The OSFM believes that housing the administrative staffing budget for the State Fire Council within the Department of Law Enforcement is a natural and beneficial alignment.

OSFM is committed to supporting efforts that strengthen the organizational and operational capacity of Hawaii's fire safety infrastructure, and we are confident that this bill is a meaningful step in that direction.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of this bill.