

## ACT 4

S.B. NO. 148

A Bill for an Act Relating to Fire Protection.

*Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Hawaii:*

SECTION 1. The legislature finds that the state fire council comprises the four county fire chiefs and is attached for administrative purposes to the department of labor and industrial relations. The state fire council is responsible for adopting the state fire code, administering the requirements for a reduced ignition propensity cigarette program, and applying for and administering federal grant assistance for fire-related projects. The state fire council may also establish qualifications for testing and certifying individuals who perform maintenance and testing of portable fire extinguishers, fire protection and fire alarm systems, and private fire hydrants.

The purpose of this Act is to specify the allowable fire protection systems certifications that an individual may obtain, more closely aligning the state fire code with nationally recognized standards.

SECTION 2. Section 132-16, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended by amending subsection (c) to read as follows:

“(c) The state fire council may also:

- (1) Appoint advisory committees comprised of representatives from each county fire department to assist in drafting the state fire code and coordinating statewide training, data collection, and contingency planning needs for firefighters;
- (2) Advise and assist the county fire departments where appropriate, may prescribe standard procedures and forms relating to inspections, investigations, and reporting of fires, may approve plans for cooperation among the county fire departments, and may advise the governor and the legislature with respect to fire prevention and protection, life safety, and any other functions or activities for which the various county fire departments are generally responsible; and
- (3) Establish, in conformance with the adopted state fire code and nationally recognized standards, statewide qualifications and procedures, to be administered by the county fire departments, for testing, certifying, and credentialing individuals who perform maintenance and testing of portable fire extinguishers, water-based fire protection systems, other fire protection systems, private fire hydrants, and fire alarm systems; provided that the county fire departments may establish and charge reasonable certification fees.”

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SECTION 3. New statutory material is underscored.

SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

(Approved April 12, 2019.)