

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 2123

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 07 2014

RE: S.B. No. 2300
S.D. 1

Honorable Donna Mercado Kim
President of the Senate
Twenty-Seventh State Legislature
Regular Session of 2014
State of Hawaii

Madam:

Your Committee on Public Safety, Intergovernmental and
Military Affairs, to which was referred S.B. No. 2300 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO FIRE PROTECTION,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to:

- (1) Authorize the State Fire Council to establish statewide qualifications, testing, and credentialing that conform with the adopted state fire code and nationally recognized standards, for individuals conducting maintenance and testing of fire extinguishers and fire protection and fire alarm systems; and
- (2) Authorize the State Fire Council to implement statewide memoranda of understanding and agreements for the effective use of fire and life safety resources.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the State Fire Council, Honolulu Fire Department, Hawaii County Fire Department, Kauai Fire Department, and Maui Fire Department.

Your Committee finds that fire extinguishers and fire protection and fire alarm systems require routine maintenance to ensure reliable operability when used by fire department personnel and to protect building occupants during emergency situations. Individuals that conduct maintenance testing must be licensed;

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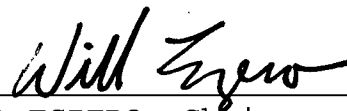


however, the current exam has not been revised for several years. This measure will allow the State Fire Council to implement statewide memoranda promoting fire and life safety resources and to update and establish statewide qualifications, testing, and credentialing standards for maintenance and testing of fire safety systems.

Your Committee has amended this measure as suggested by the State Fire Council, Honolulu Fire Department, Hawaii County Fire Department, Kauai Fire Department, and Maui Fire Department by adding language allowing the State Fire Council to establish statewide qualifications, testing, certification, and credentialing that conform with the adopted state fire code and nationally recognized standards for individuals who conduct maintenance testing of fire safety systems.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Public Safety, Intergovernmental and Military Affairs that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2300, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2300, S.D. 1, and be placed on the calendar for Third Reading.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Public Safety,
Intergovernmental and Military
Affairs,

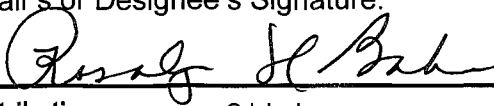


WILL ESPERO, Chair



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Bill / Resolution No.:* SB 2300	Committee Referral: PSM	Date: 1-30-14		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure. If so, then the previous decision was to: _____				
The Recommendation is: <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311 <input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310 <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
ESPERO, Will (C)	✓			
BAKER, Rosalyn H. (VC)	✓			
GALUTERIA, Brickwood	✓			
GREEN, M.D., Josh				✓
SLOM, Sam				✓
TOTAL	3	-	-	2
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: 				
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