
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO FIRE PROTECTION.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:

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

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



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

3 "(c) The state fire council may also:

4 (1) Appoint advisory committees comprised of
5 representatives from each county fire department to
6 assist in drafting the state fire code and
7 coordinating statewide training, data collection, and
8 contingency planning needs for firefighters;

9 (2) Advise and assist the county fire departments where
10 appropriate, may prescribe standard procedures and
11 forms relating to inspections, investigations, and
12 reporting of fires, may approve plans for cooperation
13 among the county fire departments, and may advise the
14 governor and the legislature with respect to fire
15 prevention and protection, life safety, and any other
16 functions or activities for which the various county
17 fire departments are generally responsible; and

18 (3) Establish, in conformance with the adopted state fire
19 code and nationally recognized standards, statewide
20 qualifications and procedures, to be administered by
21 the county fire departments, for testing, certifying,



1 and credentialing individuals who perform maintenance
2 and testing of portable fire extinguishers, water-
3 based fire protection systems, other fire protection
4 systems, private fire hydrants, and fire alarm
5 systems; provided that the county fire departments may
6 establish and charge reasonable certification fees."

7 SECTION 3. New statutory material is underscored.

8 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2050.



Report Title:

Fire Protection Systems Certifications

Description:

Specifies the types of fire protection systems for which the State Fire Council may establish qualifications and procedures for testing and certifying individuals. (HB495 HD1)

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