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STATE FIRE COUNCIL (SFC)  
FISCAL YEAR (FY) 2023-2024 FOURTH QUARTER MEETING AGENDA

Honolulu Fire Department (HFD)  
Third Floor Executive Board Room  
636 South Street  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

June 27, 2024  
1:00 p.m.

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### I. Introduction

A. Call to Order

B. Introduction of Attendees and Public Comments

C. Approval of the SFC FY 2024 2nd Quarter Meeting Minutes of December 20, 2023

D. Approval of Agenda

### II. Old Business

A. Governor's [proclamation relating to housing](#)

The Governor's emergency proclamation relating to housing suspends the ability of the SBCC to amend or update the state building codes.

B. 2024 Legislative Session

1. [House Bill \(HB\) 1886](#) - dead

To allow expenditure of funds on programs that facilitate fulfillment of functions of the State Fire Council as described in HRS §132-16.

2. [HB1887](#) - dead.

To repeal the prohibition on counties from requiring automatic fire sprinkler installation for new one- and two-family dwellings as the national model building code specifies.

3. [HB1888](#) - dead

Allows consumer fireworks permits for cultural events only.

4. [HB1889](#) – transmitted to governor

Adds language to additionally cover cancers that may affect female fire fighters.

5. [HB1842](#) – transmitted to governor

Increases the maximum fine for violations of the fire protection laws.

6. [HB2193](#) – transmitted to governor

Authorizes law enforcement and fire officers to enter and inspect any licensee's or permittee's premises, under certain conditions, to verify compliance with the State's Fireworks Control Law.

7. [House Concurrent Resolution 4](#) – adopted in final form

Requests the current members of the Northwest Wildland Fire Protection agreement to amend the agreement to allow Hawaii to join as a member.

8. [Senate Bill \(SB\) 2284](#) – transmitted to governor

Establishes a two-year program at the University of Hawaii to develop a wildfire forecast system for the State using artificial intelligence.

9. [SB2085](#) – transmitted to governor

Establishes the Office of the State Fire Marshal within the Department of Labor and Industrial Relations to be headed by a State Fire Marshal. Exempts the State Fire Marshal from Civil Service Law. Requires the SFC to establish the terms of employment for the State Fire Marshal and appoint the State Fire Marshal to serve for a term of five years. Requires the SFC to report to the Legislature.

#### C. Other bills which didn't advance

1. [HB1530](#)

Requires that an employer of firefighters maintains its fire staffing service at a level of not less than four on-duty firefighters in each company.

2. [HB1564](#)

Establishes a statewide firefighting helicopter program, to be administered by the State Fire Marshal.

3. [HB1720](#)

Provides cancer screening for full-time state firefighters every three years to cover twelve types of cancer.

4. [HB1841](#)

Appropriates funds to the Department of Land and Natural Resource (DLNR) for operating expenses, equipment, the establishment of positions, and capital improvement projects to support wildfire emergency response.

5. [SB786](#)

Requires government entities to seek reimbursement for all or a portion of search or rescue expenses for persons who require rescue after leaving a hiking trail to enter an area closed to the public or hiking on a trail closed to the public, and there is a sign giving notice of the closure.

6. [SB2143](#)

Appropriates funds to the Wildfire Management Branch of the DLNR Division of Forestry and Wildlife to provide nonprofit organizations with grants for wildfire preparedness and mitigation programming.

III. New Business

A. Department of Education Cardio Pulmonary Resuscitation program – Elizabeth Char, M.D.

B. NFPA update – Gary Honold

C. Proposed [State Fire Marshal](#)

1. Status of proposed State Fire Marshal

2. Report to legislature due November 2024

D. 2024 legislation affecting SFC members

1. [Senate Resolution \(SR\) 34, Senate Draft \(SD\) 1](#)

Requesting the Department of Accounting and General Services to establish a working group to plan and construct a Hawaii first responders memorial.

2. [SR70 SD1](#)

Requesting the Department of Law Enforcement to convene a search and rescue working group to develop and make recommendations to deter hikers from entering illegal hiking trails and to address rising search and rescue costs facing the state and counties due to increased illegal hiking traffic.

#### IV. Next Quarterly Meeting

#### V. Adjournment

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