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STATE FIRE COUNCIL (SFC)
FISCAL YEAR (FY) 2018-2019 SECOND QUARTER MINUTES

Date of Meeting: December 7, 2018
Time of Meeting: 8:30 a.m.
Place of Meeting: Honolulu Fire Department (HFD)
636 South Street
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Present:

Manuel P. Neves	SFC Chair Fire Chief, HFD
Robert Westerman	SFC Vice Chair Fire Chief, Kauai Fire Department
David Thyne	SFC Member Fire Chief, Maui Fire Department
Darren Rosario	SFC Member Fire Chief, Hawaii Fire Department
Lloyd Rogers	SFC Administrative Specialist
Gary Lum	SFC Administrative Specialist
Adam Rosenberg	Deputy Attorney General State of Hawaii, (State) Department of the Attorney General
Jenn Boneza	Reporter KHON
Gary Honold	Regional Director National Fire Protection Association

I. Introduction

A. Chair Neves called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

B. Chair Neves welcomed everyone, and an introduction of attendees followed.

C. Approval of Agenda

Motion: Member Rosario motioned and Vice Chair Westerman seconded to amend the order of the agenda to discuss Item 5.a. Limit Consumer Fireworks at the beginning of the meeting to accommodate the presence of Ms. Boneza. The motion passed.

Record of Votes: Chair Neves - Aye
Vice Chair Westerman - Aye
Member Rosario - Aye
Member Thyne - Aye

II. Unfinished Business

A. Discussion of 2019 Legislative Bills

1. Proposed Hawai Revised Statutes (HRS) 132 Revisions

Fireworks

a. Limit Consumer Fireworks

Mr. Rogers explained that this bill proposes to authorize the sale and use of consumer fireworks for cultural purposes only and discontinue authorization of the noncultural use of consumer fireworks on three designated holidays: New Year's Eve, Independence Day, and Chinese New Year's Day.

b. Fireworks Housekeeping

Mr. Rogers explained the proposed bills as follows:

- (1) Amendment of the current state fireworks law by authorizing use of fireworks by permit for movie or theatrical productions

and to authorize law enforcement to test, dispose, or destroy illegal, unwanted, or confiscated fireworks

- (2) Correct the dimensions of labels for display fireworks, articles pyrotechnic, or aerial devices that were incorrectly transcribed in the current statute
- (3) Add requirements for shippers who know of cargo that contain fireworks entering the State to report those shipments to the county fire department.

c. Fireworks Display Permit Fee

Mr. Rogers explained that this bill proposes to increase the fireworks display permit fee from \$110 to \$300.

Motion: Vice Chair Westerman motioned and Member Rosario seconded to introduce the bills as drafted. The motion passed.

Record of Votes: Chair Neves - Aye
Vice Chair Westerman - Aye
Member Rosario - Aye
Member Thyne - Aye

d. SFC Administrative Staffing

Mr. Rogers explained that this bill proposes to amend the HRS by adding language to allow the SFC to hire full-time or part-time employees and flexibility in the classification of the types of positions to help support and manage the affairs of the SFC. The amendments also include language to allow expenditures on office equipment and supplies.

e. State Fire Code Adoption Without Administrative Rules

Mr. Rogers explained that this bill proposes to align the adoption process of the State Fire Code to the adoption process of other building codes adopted by the State Building Code Council (SBCC). Building codes adopted by the SBCC, such as the building, residential, plumbing, electrical, energy, and elevator codes, are exempt from public hearings pursuant to Chapter 92. The bill

proposes to modify the language of the statute to make the passing of the administrative rules optional.

2. Proposed HRS § 32C Reduced Ignition Propensity Program (RIPC) Revisions

Mr. Rogers explained that this bill proposes to amend the HRS by adding language to allow the expenditure of funds generated by the RIPC Program to support the duties and responsibilities of the SFC. For example, the funds would be used to hire full-time employees to help support and manage the affairs of the SFC. In addition, the funds would also be used to support the Fire Fighter's Safety Guide, which is produced annually and distributed statewide.

3. Proposed HRS 107 SBCC Revisions

Mr. Rogers explained that the SBCC is authorized to review national codes and standards and adopt the suite of building codes for Hawaii. This bill proposes to delete the requirement for a unanimous agreement by the four county building officials to any recommended fire, plumbing, electrical, elevator, building, and residential code amendment.

4. Fire Sprinklers

a. State Income Tax Credit

Mr. Rogers explained that this bill proposes to establish an income tax credit for the installation of an automatic fire sprinkler system in one- or two-family dwelling residential structures. The tax credit shall be no more than 30 percent of the actual cost of the system. A similar bill was introduced previously with a tax credit of 25 percent.

b. Sprinkler Task Force Resolution

Mr. Rogers explained that this bill proposes to establish a task force to determine accurate cost estimates to install automatic fire sprinkler systems in new one- and two-family dwellings and generate a report of the cost estimates to the State Legislature. The task force would be comprised of representatives from various State holders.

c. Repeal County Prohibition of Residential Sprinklers

Mr. Rogers explained that this bill proposes to repeal Act 53 of the 2017 Legislative Session which amended Chapter 46, HRS that prohibited the counties to require the installation or retrofit of automatic fire sprinkler systems in new or existing one- or two-family dwellings.

5. Other Bills

There were no other bills to discuss.

B. SFC Grant Working Group Update

Chair Neves stated that the HFD's Grant Manager, Michele Haruno, was added to the County Grants Contact list.

III. New Business

A. Youth Fire Prevention and Intervention Program (YFPIP)

The HFD's Public Education Specialist, Candace Akiona, reviewed the Department's YFPIP, which establishes an outreach program for situations where HFD members identify a child involved in the ignition of a fire and that the child's specific circumstances are beyond the scope of fire safety education.

The YFPIP was developed in collaboration with personnel from the Office of Curriculum, Instruction and Student Support, State Hawaii Department of Education and the Child and Adolescent Mental Health Division, State Department of Health. The collaborative effort produced a draft Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the participating agencies. Chair Neves indicated the length of the MOU is excessive and may need to be reviewed by the Department of the Corporation Counsel before moving forward with the program. Members will forward the draft MOU to their respective county administrations for review..

B. Other New Business

Mr. Lum described the initial effort to develop a data analysis capability for the SFC, as specified as a Three-Year Goal in the Resource Management

section of the SFC's Strategic Plan, and requested input from SFC members as to what type(s) of analysis would be most valuable. Chair Neves responded that statewide data analysis should support programs in the SFC's Strategic Plan and legislative bills.

C. Next Quarterly Meeting

The next SFC quarterly meeting will be in Hilo on March 7-8, 2019.

D. Meeting with State Legislators

Mr. Rogers stated that the SFC lunch meeting to discuss the draft legislative bills with State Legislators will be held in the HFD auditorium at 11:30 a.m.

Members discussed its 2019 SFC legislative proposals with State Legislators and their staff.

IV. Adjournment

Motion: Chair Neves motioned to adjourn the meeting at 1 p.m. The motion passed.

Record of Votes: Chair Neves - Aye
Vice Chair Westerman - Aye
Member Thyne - Aye
Member Rosario - Aye



MANUEL P. NEVES
Chair