CITY COUNCIL
CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU
HONOLULU, HAWAII

ORDINANCE _____

BILL **14 (2020), CD1**

A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE

RELATING TO FIREFIGHTERS AND EMERGENCY RESCUE OPERATIONS.

BE IT ORDAINED by the People of the City and County of Honolulu:

SECTION 1. Purpose. The purpose of this ordinance is to support our City's firefighters and their mission to save lives, especially those personnel assigned to emergency rescue operations on land and sea. The Honolulu Fire Department protects the entire island of Oahu and its millions of residents and visitors, with approximately 1,100 career fire fighters, assigned across over 60 companies island-wide. Currently, only two of those companies are designated and assigned personnel with the technical expertise necessary to safely and successfully execute emergency rescue operations. Protecting the public while protecting our firefighters is of paramount importance to the City, and it is imperative that these emergency rescue personnel are trained and remain qualified at the highest standards to enable them to perform the life-saving rescue work that they do every day.

SECTION 2. Chapter 2, Article 11, Revised Ordinances of Honolulu 1990 ("Fire Department"), is amended by adding a new Section 2-11.2 to read as follows:

"**Sec. 2-11.2 Additional powers, duties and functions of the fire chief.**

The fire chief shall:

(1) Identify and assess the training, qualifications and certifications necessary for personnel assigned to rescue companies, establish additional recommended standards as necessary, and upon completion of the assessment, update the city position descriptions to be aligned with the rescue companies' best practices.

(2) Formalize a long-term training plan to effectively implement any necessary additional standards and ensure consistency in standards among all personnel assigned to rescue companies, and provide this plan to the council and fire commission within sixty days of the effective date of this ordinance.

(3) Ensure that all personnel assigned to existing rescue companies have, or are in the process of obtaining, the requisite training, qualifications, and certifications to be rescue company personnel.

(4) Staff additional rescue companies only with personnel that have the requisite training, qualifications, and certifications to be rescue company personnel."

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SECTION 3. This ordinance takes effect upon approval.

INTRODUCED BY:

Tommy Waters

DATE OF INTRODUCTION:

February 13, 2020
Honolulu, Hawaii

Councilmembers

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY:

Deputy Corporation Counsel

APPROVED this _____day of _____, 20 _____.

KIRK CALDWELL, Mayor
City and County of Honolulu