



## 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

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DATE OF INTRODUCTION:

February 13, 2020  
Honolulu, Hawaii

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Councilmembers

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY:

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Deputy Corporation Counsel

APPROVED this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20 \_\_\_\_\_

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KIRK CALDWELL, Mayor  
City and County of Honolulu

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CERTIFICATE

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Introduced: 02/13/20 By: TOMMY WATERS


Committee: PUBLIC SAFETY AND  
WELFARE

Title: A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO FIREFIGHTERS AND EMERGENCY RESCUE OPERATIONS.

Voting Legend: \* = Aye w/Reservations

02/19/20	COUNCIL	BILL PASSED FIRST READING AND REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY AND WELFARE. 9 AYES: ANDERSON, ELEFANTE, FUKUNAGA, KOBAYASHI, MANAHAN, MENOR, PINE, TSUNEYOSHI, WATERS.
02/27/20	PUBLIC SAFETY AND WELFARE	CR-105 - BILL REPORTED OUT OF COMMITTEE FOR PASSAGE ON SECOND READING AND SCHEDULING OF A PUBLIC HEARING. 5 AYES: FUKUNAGA, MANAHAN, MENOR, TSUNEYOSHI, WATERS.
03/07/20	PUBLISH	PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE PUBLISHED IN THE HONOLULU STAR-ADVERTISER.
03/18/20	COUNCIL/PUBLIC HEARING	CANCELLED AND NOT CONSIDERED.
05/20/20	COUNCIL	CR-105 ADOPTED. BILL PASSED SECOND READING AND REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY AND WELFARE. 9 AYES: ANDERSON, ELEFANTE, FUKUNAGA, KOBAYASHI, MANAHAN, MENOR, PINE, TSUNEYOSHI, WATERS.
05/25/20	PUBLISH	SECOND READING NOTICE PUBLISHED IN THE HONOLULU STAR-ADVERTISER.
06/18/20	PUBLIC SAFETY AND WELFARE	RESOLUTION POSTPONED IN COMMITTEE. 5 AYES: FUKUNAGA, MANAHAN, MENOR, TSUNEYOSHI, WATERS.
		NOTE: EFFECTIVE SEPTEMBER 23, 2020, COUNCILMEMBER IKAICA ANDERSON, REPRESENTING COUNCIL DISTRICT III, RESIGNED FROM OFFICE. [Refer to Communication <u>CC-256(20)</u> ] NOTE: THE APPOINTMENT OF ALAN KEKOA TEXEIRA TO FILL A VACANCY IN THE OFFICE OF COUNCILMEMBER FOR COUNCIL DISTRICT III WAS APPROVED ON WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 2020. (refer to <u>RES20-236, FD1</u> ) <u>CC-269(20)</u> KOBAYASHI - COUNCIL STANDING COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS.
10/22/20	PUBLIC SAFETY AND WELFARE	CR-265 - BILL REPORTED OUT OF COMMITTEE FOR PASSAGE ON THIRD READING AS AMENDED IN CD1 FORM. 3 AYES: MANAHAN, MENOR, WATERS. 2 EXCUSED: FUKUNAGA, TSUNEYOSHI.
11/05/20	COUNCIL	CR-265 ADOPTED AND BILL 14 (2020), CD1 PASSED THIRD READING AS AMENDED. 8 AYES: FUKUNAGA, KOBAYASHI, MANAHAN, MENOR, PINE, TEXEIRA, TSUNEYOSHI, WATERS. 1 NO: ELEFANTE.

I hereby certify that the above is a true record of action by the Council of the City and County of Honolulu on this BILL.

  
GLEN I. TAKAHASHI, CITY CLERK

  
ANN KOBAYASHI, CHAIR AND PRESIDING OFFICER

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C E R T I F I C A T E


I hereby certify that on November 9, 2020, Bill 14 (2020), CD1 was presented to the Honorable Kirk Caldwell, Mayor of the City and County of Honolulu, for his approval or otherwise; and that on November 23, 2020, the Mayor returned said Bill without his signature; therefore, pursuant to Section 3-203 of the Revised Charter of Honolulu, said Bill 14 (2020), CD1 became a duly enacted ordinance on November 23, 2020.

Dated, Honolulu, State of Hawaii, this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of November, 2020.

CITY COUNCIL

By   
ANN KOBAYASHI  
Chair and Presiding Officer

ATTEST:

  
GLEN J. TAKAHASHI  
City Clerk