

Honolulu, Hawaii

February 10, 2006

RE: H.B. No. 2000

Honorable Calvin K.Y. Say  
Speaker, House of Representatives  
Twenty-Third State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2006  
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committees on Public Safety & Military Affairs and  
Tourism & Culture, to which was referred H.B. No. 2000 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATED TO FIREWORKS,"

beg leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this bill is to promote public safety and  
welfare by:

- (1) Allowing the various counties to enact more stringent  
fireworks laws; and
- (2) Restricting the sale or use of non-aerial common  
fireworks on the Fourth of July in counties with a  
population of over 500,000.

The State Fire Council, Honolulu Fire Department, Fire  
Department of the County of Hawaii, and Honolulu Police Department  
testified in support of this bill. The Hawaii Food Industry  
Association and Legislative Information Services of Hawaii opposed  
this measure.

Your Committees find that statewide statistics reveal a  
significant increase in fire, police, and emergency medical  
incidents on Oahu over the last two years that create health and  
safety concerns for the public and strain the resources of these  
agencies. Also, fire risks rise on the Fourth of July because of  
dry vegetation during the summer months.



As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committees on Public Safety & Military Affairs and Tourism & Culture that are attached to this report, your Committees are in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2000 and recommend that it pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Respectfully submitted on  
behalf of the members of the  
Committees on Public Safety &  
Military Affairs and Tourism &  
Culture,

  
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JERRY L. CHANG, Chair

  
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