

Honolulu, Hawaii

Feb 13, 2006

RE: H.B. No. 2688

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

Sir:

Your Committees on Tourism & Culture and Public Safety & Military Affairs, to which was referred H.B. No. 2688 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO FIREWORKS,"

beg leave to report as follows:

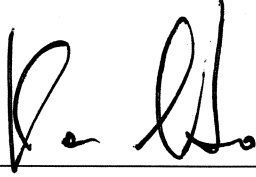
The purpose of this bill is to provide greater efficiency in the enforcement and regulation of the use, sale, importation, and storage of fireworks and articles pyrotechnic by redefining the terminology used in referring to fireworks and articles pyrotechnic to more closely conform to that of federal agencies that regulate such explosives. In addition, this bill prohibits the sale of consumer fireworks after 12:00 a.m. on New Year's Day, 6:00 p.m. on Chinese New Year's Day, and 8:00 p.m. on the Fourth of July.

The State Fire Council, Honolulu Fire Department, Kauai Fire Department, County of Hawaii Fire Department, and the Honolulu Police Department supported this bill. The Hawaii Food Industry Association supported the intent of this bill. The Legislative Information Services of Hawaii offered comments.

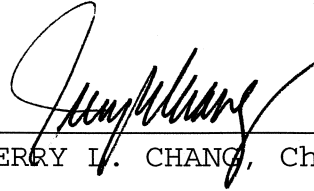
As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committees on Tourism & Culture and Public Safety & Military Affairs that are attached to this report, your Committees are in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2688 and recommend that it pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Judiciary.



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



KEN ITO, Chair



JERRY I. CHANG, Chair



