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March 24, 2008

The Honorable Brian T. Taniguchi, Chair
Committee on Judiciary and Labor
The State Senate
State Capitol, Room 219
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Chair Taniguchi:

Subject: H.B. 2436, H.D. 2, S.D. 1 Relating to Fireworks

I am Kenneth Silva, Chair of the State Fire Council (SFC) and Fire Chief of the Honolulu Fire Department (HFD). The SFC and the HFD support H.B. 2436, H.D. 2, S.D. 1, which amends the definition and language under general prohibitions and clarifies the minimum age to sell fireworks.

The revision in Section 132D-10 is necessary to require individuals who want to ignite consumer fireworks, including paperless firecrackers or any other type of novelty fireworks and firecrackers, to obtain a permit from the fire department at times other than the three designated holiday periods.

H.B. 2436, H.D. 2, S.D. 1 would assist in the enforcement and regulation of the fireworks control law. The SFC and the HFD request your committee's support on the passage of this bill.

Should you have any questions, please call SFC Legislative Liaison Lloyd Rogers at 723-7171.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Kenneth G. Silva".

KENNETH G. SILVA
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Dear Chair Taniguchi:

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I am Robert Westerman, Fire Chief of the Kauai Fire Department (KFD) and a member of the State Fire Council (SFC). The SFC and the KFD support H.B. 2436, H.D. 2, S.D. 1, which amends the definition and language under general prohibitions and clarifies the minimum age to sell fireworks.

The revision in Section 132D-10 is necessary to add a permit for consumer fireworks at times other than the three designated holiday periods because individuals who want to ignite consumer fireworks, including paperless firecrackers or any other type of novelty fireworks and firecrackers, would need to obtain a permit from the fire department. The present language is not clear on this issue and indicates that only firecrackers require a permit during the other 362 days of the year.

H.B. 2436, H.D. 2, S.D. 1 would assist in the enforcement and regulation of the fireworks control law. The SFC and the KFD request your committee's support on the passage of H.B. 2436, H.D. 2, S.D. 1.

Please call me at (808) 241-6500 should you have any questions regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Robert Westerman". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Robert Westerman
Fire Chief, County of Kaua'i

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