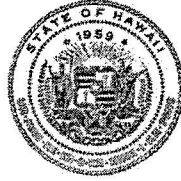


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February 1, 2008

The Honorable Ryan I. Yamane, Chair
Committee on Tourism and Culture
House of Representatives
State Capitol, Room 419
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Chair Yamane:

Subject: H.B. 2436 - Relating to Fireworks

I am Kenneth G. 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, which amends the definition of display fireworks; clarifies that fireworks may not be used within 500 feet of a hotel, unless permitted; and clarifies that minors are prohibited from selling fireworks.

H.B. 2436 would greatly 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 H.B. 2436.

Should you have any questions, please call Acting SFC Administrator William H. Melemai III at 723-7152.

Sincerely,

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February 4, 2008

To: House Committee on Tourism & Culture
Rep. Ryan I. Yamane, Chair / Rep. Joey Manahan, Vice Chair

By: Richard C. Botti, President or Lauren Zirbel, Gov't Relations

Re: HB 2436 RELATING TO FIREWORKS.

We have no objections to HB 2436, as the amendment further clarifies that minors are not to participate in the use of fireworks unless directly supervised.

§132D-13 Liability of parents or guardians. The parents, guardian, and other persons having the custody or control of any minor, who knowingly permit the minor to possess, purchase, or set off, ignite, or otherwise cause to explode any fireworks or articles pyrotechnic, shall be deemed to be in violation of this chapter and shall be subject to the penalties thereunder, except that the parents or guardian may allow the minor to use consumer fireworks while under the immediate supervision and control of the parent or guardian, or under the supervision and control of another adult. [L 1994, c 180, pt of §1; am L 2006, c 183, §15]