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## **H.B. 2719                      Relating to Fireworks**

My name is Robert H. Lee and I am the President of the Hawaii Fire Fighters Association, Local 1463, IAFF, AFL-CIO. On behalf of the 1,800 professional and 800 retired fire fighters throughout the State, the Hawaii Fire Fighters Association supports H.B. No. 2719, which authorizes the respective county councils to enact more stringent fireworks laws than those imposed by state fireworks law, chapter 132D, Hawaii Revised Statutes.

The HFFA supports H.B. No. 2719, because of the impact on fire fighters throughout the State. This legislation provides the individual counties with the ability to assess the impact of fireworks in each jurisdiction and adopt laws to appropriately address their needs. We believe the counties will be best served by having the fire service personnel working with the county councils deal with this issue.

This initiative helps protect the community and fire fighters. Thank you for the opportunity to testify and we ask for your support of H.B. No. 2719.