



**STATE OF HAWAII**  
**DEPARTMENT OF LABOR AND INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS**  
**State Fire Council**  
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February 4, 2008

The Honorable Lorraine R. Inouye, Chair  
Committee on Intergovernmental and Military Affairs  
The State Senate  
State Capitol, Room 201  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Chair Inouye:

Subject: S.B. 1965 Relating to Fireworks

I am Kenneth Silva, Chair of the State Fire Council and Fire Chief of the Honolulu Fire Department (HFD). The SFC and HFD support S.B. 1965, which proposes a total ban on the use of consumer fireworks, except for religious and cultural purposes. The proposal will still allow fireworks displays with a permit.

S.B. 1965 would prevent deaths, injuries, health-related problems, property damage, and air and noise pollution due to fireworks. Fireworks-related injuries and fireworks incidents for police and fire departments have steadily increased during the past three years. A high percentage of these injuries are to children between the ages of 2-16 years old.

S.B. 1965 will also reduce the number of incidents for the HFD, the Honolulu Police Department, and the Honolulu Emergency Services Department, which will result in savings of monies and resources.

The SFC and the HFD request your committee's support on the passage of S.B. 1965.

Should you have any questions, please call SFC Legislative Liaison Lloyd Rogers at 723-7173.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Kenneth G. Silva".

KENNETH G. SILVA  
Chair

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