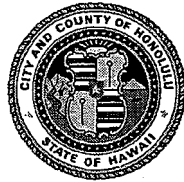


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February 19, 2008

The Honorable Ron Menor, Chair
Committee on Energy and Environment
The State Senate
State Capitol, Room 208
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

The Honorable David Y. Ige, Chair
Committee on Health
The State Senate
State Capitol, Room 215
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Chairs Menor and Ige:

Subject: S.B. 3072 Relating to the Hawaii Emergency Planning and Community
Right-To-Know Act

I am Alvin K. Tomita, Acting Fire Chief of the Honolulu Fire Department (HFD). The HFD supports S.B. 3072, which proposes to clarify the Hawaii Emergency Planning and Community Right-To-Know Act reporting requirements. As a first responder agency, it is imperative that our personnel know the risks and potential risks concerning hazardous materials that are present in a building or facility, especially under extreme hazardous fire or release conditions. Accurate information will be used as a planning tool prior to and during emergency conditions and can mean the difference between life and death. This information is also essential for facility owners to plan for the safety of its employees, who will be the first line of defense if or when emergency conditions arise.

The HFD urges your committees' support on the passage of S.B. 3072.

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Alvin K. Tomita".

ALVIN K. TOMITA
Acting Fire Chief

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