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COUNTY OF KAUA'I FIRE COMMISSION

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Subject: HR47 and HCR54

Requesting the State Building Code Council to Adopt the Requirement that Automatic Fire Sprinklers Be Installed in New One- and Two-Family Dwellings

The County of Kaua'i Fire Commission is in support of the general intent of HR47 and HCR54. It is the mission of our fire department to save lives. To this end, the Kaua'i Fire Commission supports public policies or laws that will reduce the dangers and loss resulting from home fires.

We firmly believe that residential fire sprinklers will significantly reduce the loss of property and life caused by fires.

On the other hand, as residents, we realize that the costs of construction in Hawai'i are significantly higher than those in most states. We understand and are concerned that a requirement for mandating the installation of residential fire sprinklers in new one- and two- family dwellings will further increase the cost of building a home.

Nonetheless, as responsible members of the Kaua'i Fire Commission we believe that it is our duty to act responsibly in promoting the importance of fire prevention and safety by supporting the general intent of HR47 and HCR54.

Mahalo for your time.

Sincerely,

s/ Basilio Fuertes, Jr.

Basilio Fuertes, Jr.
Chair, Kaua'i Fire Commission