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February 22, 2011

The Honorable Clayton Hee, Chair
Committee on Judiciary and Labor
The State Senate
State Capitol, Room 407
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Chair Hee:

Subject: **S.B. 171**, S.D. 1 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 the intent of S.B. 171, S.D. 1, which proposes to ban the use, sale, and possession of aerial luminaries commonly known as sky lanterns, Hawaii lanterns, and flying luminaries.

We believe the uncontrolled release of these devices poses a potential danger to life and property and recommend they be prohibited in the state.

The SFC and the HFD urge your committee's **support** on the passage of S.B. 171, S.D. 1.

Should you have any questions, please call SFC Administrator Socrates Bratakos at 723-7151.

Sincerely,

KENNETH G. SILVA
Chair

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January 31, 2011

The Honorable Clayton Hee, Chair
Committee on Judiciary and Labor
The State Senate
State Capitol, Room 407
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Chair Hee:

Subject: S.B. 171, S.D. 1 Relating to Fireworks

I am **Robert F. Westerman**, Fire Chief of the Kauai Fire Department (KFD) and a member of the State Fire Council (SFC). The SFC and the KFD support the intent of S.B. 171, S.D. 1, which proposes to ban the use, sale, and possession of aerial luminaries commonly known as sky lanterns, Hawaii lanterns, and flying luminaries.

We believe the uncontrolled release of these devices poses a potential danger to life and property and recommend that they be prohibited in the state.

The SFC and the KFD urge your committee's support on the passage of S.B. 171, S.D. 1.

Please call me at (808) 241-4980 should you have any questions regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Robert Westerman". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Robert Westerman
Fire Chief, County of Kaua'i

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ALAN M. ARAKAWA
MAYOR



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February 21, 2011

The Honorable Clayton Hee, Chair
Committee on Judiciary and Labor
The State Senate
State Capitol, Room 407
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Chair Hee:

Subject: S.B. 171, S.D. 1 Relating to Fireworks


I am Jeffrey A. Murray, Fire Chief of the County of Maui, Department of Fire and Public Safety (MFD) and a Member of the State Fire Council (SFC). The MFD and the SFC support the intent of S.B. 171, S.D. 1, which proposes to ban the use, sale, and possession of aerial luminaries commonly known as sky lanterns, Hawaii lanterns, and flying luminaries.

We believe the uncontrolled release of these devices poses a potential danger to life and property and recommend that they be prohibited in the state.

The MFD and the SFC urge your committee's support on the passage of S.B. 171, S.D. 1.

Should you have any questions, please call SFC Administrator Socrates Bratakos at 723-7151.

Sincerely,


JEFFREY A. MURRAY
Fire Chief