

SB 171

RELATING TO FIREWORKS.

Bans aerial luminaries (sky lanterns).

NEIL ABERCROMBIE
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January 31, 2011

The Honorable Will Espero, Chair
Committee on Public Safety, Government
Operations, and Military Affairs
The State Senate
State Capitol, Room 231
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Chair Espero:

Subject: S.B. 171 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, 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 HFD urge your committee's support on the passage of S.B. 171.

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

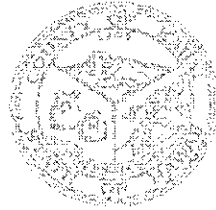
Sincerely,

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

KENNETH G. SILVA
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Dear Chair Espero:

Subject: S.B. 171 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, 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 pose 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.

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".

Robert Westerman
Fire Chief, County of Kaua'i

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