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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. 172**, 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 S.B. 172, S.D. 1, which amends provisions of the fireworks code and imposes new definitions and permitting, importation, labeling, and inspection requirements. It also authorizes the Fire Chief to revoke or suspend permits for enumerated reasons. This bill will promote the effective enforcement and administration of fireworks permit and license requirements.

The SFC and the HFD also offer the following comments:

1. We support the statewide ban of consumer fireworks, except for special events and professional public fireworks displays.
2. We believe each county should continue to determine the potential hazards of fireworks and the benefit to their community by further restricting fireworks use from the state law based on each county's needs and resources.
3. We support measures that make the arrest and prosecution for the illegal purchase, possession, setting off, igniting, or discharging of fireworks easier and increase the penalties and consequences for convictions of fireworks violations.

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4. We support measures that clarify the current Fireworks Control Law (Chapter 132D, Hawaii Revised Statutes) and promote the effective enforcement and administration of fireworks permits and licenses for regulatory agencies.

The SFC and the HFD urge your committee's support on the passage of S.B. 172, S.D. 1.

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

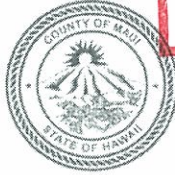
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February 21, 2011

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Dear Chair Hee:

Subject: S.B. 172, S.D. 1 Relating to Fireworks

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