



**TESTIMONY OF
THE DEPARTMENT OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL
TWENTY-SIXTH LEGISLATURE, 2012**

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ON THE FOLLOWING MEASURE:

H.B. NO. 2113, H.D. 1, RELATING TO FIRE PROTECTION.

BEFORE THE:

SENATE COMMITTEES ON

PUBLIC SAFETY, GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS, AND MILITARY AND ON
JUDICIARY AND LABOR

DATE: Wednesday, March 21, 2012 **TIME:** 10:05 a.m.

LOCATION: State Capitol, Conference Room 016

TESTIFIER(S): David M. Louie, Attorney General, or
Lance M. Goto, Deputy Attorney General

Chairs Espero and Hee and Members of the Committees:

The Department of the Attorney General (the "Department") offers one recommendation.

The purpose of this bill is to prohibit aerial luminaries, also known as sky lanterns, because the open flame de vice could cause fires.

The prefatory wording of section 2 of the bill does not specify what chapter in the Hawaii Revised Statutes should be amended to include the proposed new section of law prohibiting aerial luminaries. The Department suggests amending the wording to the following:

Chapter 132, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended by adding a new section to be appropriately designated and to read as follows:

Chapter 132 relates to fire protection. We respectfully recommend that the amendment be followed by adding "132" after the section symbol on line 15 of the bill.