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February 21, 2012

The Honorable Marcus Oshiro, Chair
Committee on Finance
House of Representatives
State Capitol, Room 306
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Chair Oshiro:

Subject: H.B. 2642, H.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 H.B. 2642, H.D. 1, which proposes to correct the definition of display fireworks to amounts necessary for a permitted public display, except for qualified importers of certain fireworks. It also proposes to amend fireworks shipment documentation and labeling requirements for imported display fireworks.

We request that Section 132D-8.5 be revised as follows:

“§132D-8.5 Importation of aerial devices, display fireworks, or articles pyrotechnic for display. Aerial devices, display fireworks, or articles pyrotechnic shall only be imported and stored, if necessary, in an amount sufficient for an anticipated three-month inventory, provided that if a licensee under section 132D-7 provides aerial devices, display fireworks, or articles pyrotechnic for displays as allowed under section 132D-16 more than once a month, the licensee may import or store, if necessary, sufficient aerial devices, display fireworks, or articles pyrotechnic for a six-month inventory; provided further that this section shall not apply to any licensee under Section 132D-7 who imports aerial devices, display fireworks, or articles pyrotechnics who provides proof of:

- (1) ~~Ownership of an approved~~ A licensed fireworks storage facility

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- (2) Accurate recordkeeping and auditing procedures of fireworks
- (3) The production of at least 12 displays within the last 12 calendar months."

This would clarify that the licensee would not necessarily be the owner of the licensed fireworks storage facility and may be a lessee or renter.

The SFC and the HFD urge your committee's support on the passage of H.B. 2642, H.D. 1, with the suggested revision.

Should you have any questions, please contact SFC Administrator Socrates Bratakos at 723-7151 or sbratakos@honolulu.gov.

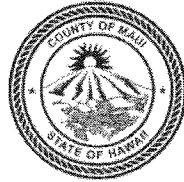
Sincerely,



KENNETH G. SILVA
Chair

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Dear Chair Oshiro:

Subject: H.B. 2642, H.D. 1 Relating to Fireworks

I am Jeffrey A. Murray, Fire Chief of the County of Maui, Department of Fire & Public Safety (MFD) and a member of the State Fire Council (SFC). The MFD and the SFC support H.B. 2642, H.D. 1, which proposes to correct the definition of display fireworks to amounts necessary for a permitted public display, except for qualified importers of certain fireworks. It also proposes to amend fireworks shipment documentation and labeling requirements for imported display fireworks.

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Sincerely,



JEFFREY A. MURRAY
Fire Chief

Bernard P. Carvalho, Jr.
Mayor



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Dear Chair Oshiro:

Subject: H.B. 2642, H.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 KFD and the SFC support H.B. 2642, H.D. 1, which proposes to correct the definition of display fireworks to amounts necessary for a permitted public display, except for qualified importers of certain fireworks. It also proposes to amend fireworks shipment documentation and labeling requirements for imported display fireworks.

We request that Section 132D-8.5 be revised as follows:

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The KFD and the SFC urge your committee's support on the passage of H.B. 2642, H.D. 1, with the suggested revision.

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

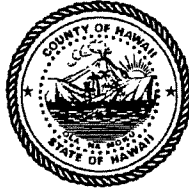
Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Robert Westerman". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long, sweeping underline.

Robert Westerman
Fire Chief, County of Kaua'i

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February 22, 2012

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House of Representatives
State Capitol, Room 306
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Chair Oshiro:

Subject: H.B. 2642, H.D. 1 Relating to Fireworks

I am Darren J. Rosario, Member of the State Fire Council (SFC) and Fire Chief of the Hawaii Fire Department (HFD) of the County of Hawaii. The SFC and the HFD support H.B. 2642, H.D. 1, which proposes to correct the definition of display fireworks to amounts necessary for a permitted public display, except for qualified importers of certain fireworks. It also proposes to amend fireworks shipment documentation and labeling requirements for imported display fireworks.

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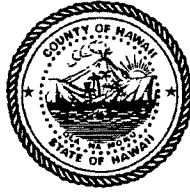
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Sincerely,

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