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February 18, 2014

The Honorable Angus McKelvey, Chair
Committee on Consumer Protection
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House of Representatives
State Capitol, Room 320
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Chair McKelvey:

Subject: H.B. 1664 Relating to Fire Protection for Fireworks

I am Manuel P. Neves, Chair of the Hawaii State Fire Council (SFC) and Fire Chief of the Honolulu Fire Department (HFD). The SFC and the HFD support H.B. 1664, which proposes to restrict storage and redistribution of fireworks to permanent and temporary fireworks storage facilities that comply with county building, fire code, or nationally recognized standards. We respectfully request the following revision:

~~"§132D- Storage and redistribution of fireworks. A person shall only store or perform redistribution activities of fireworks in a permanent or temporary fireworks storage buildings or structure, which shall comply with the applicable county building code, fire code, or the latest edition of nationally recognized standards."~~

"§132D-8 Application for license. (c) Permanent and temporary fireworks storage buildings or structures and buildings or facilities where redistribution activities are performed shall comply with the currently adopted county building or fire code or the latest edition of nationally recognized standards."

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In addition to fireworks being a potentially dangerous product during its use, dangers also exist during transport and storage. The definitions being proposed are based on nationally recognized standards for safety and best industry practices to protect lives and property that will be applicable statewide.

Redistribution involves unpacking, segregating, and repacking fireworks shipments, which are then shipped to the neighbor islands or transported to retail locations.

This revision would include requirements from the building or fire codes or other nationally recognized standards that apply to redistribution activities, which are currently not included in Chapter 132D-2, Hawaii Revised Statutes.

The SFC and the HFD urge your committee's passage of H.B. 1664 with the recommended revision.

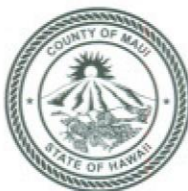
Should you have questions, please contact SFC Administrator Socrates Bratakos at 723-7105 or sbratakos@honolulu.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'M. P. Neves', with a stylized flourish at the end.

MANUEL P. NEVES
Chair

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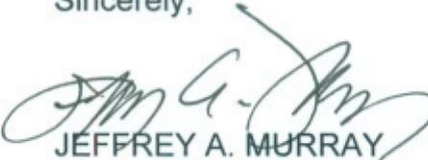
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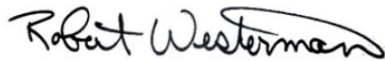
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Please call me at (808) 241-4980 should you have any questions regarding this matter.

Sincerely,



Robert Westerman
Fire Chief, County of Kaua'i

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