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February 5, 2014

The Honorable Henry Aquino, Chair  
Committee on Public Safety  
House of Representatives  
State Capitol, Room 419  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Chair Aquino:

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 define the terminology and clarify practices that are related to fireworks in accordance with nationally recognized standards.

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.

The practice of 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.

Should you have questions, please contact SFC Administrator Socrates Bratakos at 723-7105 or [sbratakos@honolulu.gov](mailto:sbratakos@honolulu.gov).

Sincerely,

MANUEL P. NEVES  
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Dear Chair Aquino:

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I am Jeffrey A. Murray, Member of the Hawaii State Fire Council (SFC) and Fire Chief of the County of Maui, Department of Fire & Public Safety (MFD). The SFC and the MFD support H.B. 1664, which proposes to define the terminology and clarify practices that are related to fireworks in accordance with nationally recognized standards.

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Sincerely,

  
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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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