

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: H.B. No. 1664

H.D. 1

Honorable Donna Mercado Kim
President of the Senate
Twenty-Seventh State Legislature
Regular Session of 2014
State of Hawaii

Madam:

Your Committee on Public Safety, Intergovernmental and Military Affairs, to which was referred H.B. No. 1664, H.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO FIRE PROTECTION FOR FIREWORKS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to:

- (1) Add definitions for "permanent fireworks storage building or structure" and "temporary fireworks storage building or structure"; and
- (2) Require permanent and temporary fireworks storage buildings or structures and redistribution facilities to comply with applicable county building or fire codes or nationally recognized standards.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the State Fire Council and Honolulu Fire Department. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from THY & Associates.

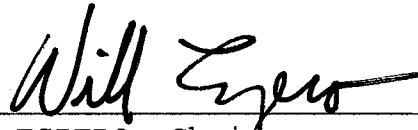
Your Committee finds that the potential danger or damage from the use, transportation, and storage of fireworks is so great that those activities need to be more closely monitored. This measure will promote the safety of the general public and the first responder community by restricting the storage and redistribution



of fireworks to permanent and temporary fireworks storage facilities that comply with applicable county codes or nationally recognized standards.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Public Safety, Intergovernmental and Military Affairs that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1664, H.D. 1 and recommends that it pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Public Safety,
Intergovernmental and Military
Affairs,



WILL ESPERO, Chair



