

# **HB 1664 HD1**

RELATING TO FIRE PROTECTION FOR FIREWORKS.

Requires that permanent and temporary fireworks storage buildings or structures and buildings or facilities where redistribution activities are performed comply with currently adopted county building or fire codes or latest edition of nationally recognized standards. (HB1664 HD1)

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March 10, 2014

The Honorable Will Espero, Chair  
Committee on Public Safety, Intergovernmental  
and Military Affairs  
The State Senate  
State Capitol, Room 231  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Chair Espero:

Subject: H.B. 1664, H.D. 1 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, H.D. 1, 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.

In addition to fireworks being a potentially dangerous product during its use, dangers also exist during transport and storage. The proposed definitions 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.

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The SFC and the HFD urge your committee's passage of H.B. 1664, H.D. 1.

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

Sincerely,

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

MANUEL P. NEVES  
Chair

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