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February 18, 2014

The Honorable David Ige, Chair  
Committee on Ways and Means  
The State Senate  
State Capitol, Room 208  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Chair Ige:

Subject: S.B. 2303 Relating to Fireworks Permit Fees

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 S.B. 2303, which proposes to increase the display permit fee from \$110 to \$300.

This permit authorizes licensed pyrotechnicians to conduct outdoor aerial and indoor fireworks displays at special events. Although the permit fee has remained the same for 13 years, administrative costs to process, review, and approve have increased. This includes an evaluation of the firing site, distance to audiences, adjacent structures, and combustible vegetation. On-site verification of fireworks inventory before and after the event and inspection of pyrotechnic equipment, safety precautions, and weather conditions are some of the items reviewed.

Public safety and property protection are priorities of the fire department's approval process and permit fees should increase appropriately.

The SFC and the HFD urge your support on the passage of S.B. 2303.

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  
Chair

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Dear Chair Ige:

Subject: S.B. 2303 Relating to Fireworks Permit Fees

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 S.B. 2303, which proposes to increase the display permit fee from \$110 to \$300.

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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jeffrey A. Murray", is written over the typed name and title.

JEFFREY A. MURRAY  
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**Bernard P. Carvalho, Jr.**  
Mayor



**Robert F. Westerman**  
Fire Chief

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Dear Chair Ige:

**Subject: S.B. 2303 Relating to Fireworks Permit Fees**

I am Robert F. Westerman, Fire Chief of the Kauai Fire Department (KFD) and Vice-Chair of the Hawaii State Fire Council (SFC). The KFD and the SFC support S.B. 2303, which proposes to increase the display permit fee from \$110 to \$300.

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The KFD and the SFC urge your committee's passage of S.B. 2303.

Please call me at (808) 241-4975 should you have any questions regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Robert Westerman  
Fire Chief, County of Kaua'i

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**SB2303**

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Nicholas Winters	Individual	Oppose	No

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