

# SB2483 SD1

Measure Title: RELATING TO FIREWORKS.  
Report Title: Fireworks; Shippers; Prohibitions  
Description: Expands exceptions to the general prohibitions on fireworks. Imposes requirements upon shippers of fireworks. Amends certain fireworks labeling requirements. (SD1)  
Companion:  
Package: None  
Current Referral: PSM/TRE, CPH  
Introducer(s): NISHIHARA, BAKER, ESPERO, KEITH-AGARAN, KIDANI



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Statement of  
**Luis P. Salaveria**  
Director  
Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism  
before the  
**SENATE COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, CONSUMER PROTECTION, AND  
HEALTH**

Friday, February 26, 2016  
10:30 AM

State Capitol, Conference Room 229

In consideration of  
**SB2483 SD1**  
**RELATING TO FIREWORKS.**

Chair Baker, Vice Chair Kidani, and Members of the Senate Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health.

The Department of Business, Economic Development and Tourism (DBEDT) supports SB2483 SD1, which would provide additional requirements for shippers and an exception in Chapter 132D-6 for movie and television productions to use pyrotechnics in specific ways when filming a scene with a valid permit issued by a county fire department. With regard to safety of the public DBEDT defers to the City and County Fire Department.

In 2015, an estimated \$244 million in production expenditures were generated in film and television in Hawaii providing over \$427 million in estimated economic impact for Hawaii. The film industry often utilizes pyrotechnics as part of special effects and stunts. The Legendary Pictures feature *Kong: Skull Island* was filmed in Hawaii from October to December 2015, and extensively used pyrotechnics. The ongoing TV Series, *Hawaii Five-O*, often uses pyrotechnics – creating an exciting array of action-packed story telling. These and other productions use only licensed pyrotechnic professionals to execute these operations precisely and carefully on set. The requested exemption will ensure that

productions are able to film the shot they need and are able to properly set and re-set their pyrotechnic work, always ensuring the safety of cast, crew and the public.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.

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February 23, 2016

The Honorable Rosalyn Baker, Chair  
Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection,  
and Health  
The State Senate  
State Capitol, Room 230  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Chair Baker:

Subject: Senate Bill (SB) 2483, Senate Draft (SD) 1 Relating to 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 SB 2483, SD 1, which proposes to clarify the current statute by delineating the responsibilities of shippers; amend the labeling dimensions of display, pyrotechnic articles, and aerial devices; and authorize permits for fireworks used in movie productions and testing or disposal purposes.

This bill amends the labeling size for display fireworks, pyrotechnic articles, or aerial devices to 9 square inches instead of the existing "9 inches by 9 inches," which is consistent with nationally recognized standards. Requirements for a shipper of fireworks products are added to ensure proper agency notification.

Two prohibited exceptions are added to authorize permits for the use in movie productions and testing, disposal, or destruction of illegal or unwanted fireworks. The SFC and the HFD urge your committee's support on the passage of SB 2483, SD 1.

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

Sincerely,

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MANUEL P. NEVES  
Chair

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February 24, 2016

The Honorable Rosalyn Baker, Chair  
Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection,  
and Health  
The State Senate  
State Capitol, Room 230  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

**Subject: Senate Bill (SB) 2483, Senate Draft (SD) 1 Relating to Fireworks**  
**Hearing Date: Thursday, February 26, 2016**  
**Time/Place of Hearing: 10:30 a.m., Conference Room 229**

Dear Chair Baker:

Subject:

I am Darren J. Rosario, Member of the Hawaii State Fire Council (SFC) and Fire Chief of the Hawaii Fire Department of the County of Hawaii (HCFD). The SFC and the HCFD support SB 2483, SD 1, which proposes to clarify the current statute by delineating the responsibilities of shippers; amend the labeling dimensions of display, pyrotechnic articles, and aerial devices; and authorize permits for fireworks used in movie productions and testing or disposal purposes.

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Should you have questions, please contact me at 932-2901 or [darren.rosario@hawaiicounty.gov](mailto:darren.rosario@hawaiicounty.gov)

Very Truly Yours,

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**DARREN J. ROSARIO**  
Fire Chief



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Mayor



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February 24, 2016

The Honorable Rosalyn Baker, Chair  
Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health  
The State Senate  
State Capitol, Room 230  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Chair Baker:

Subject: Senate Bill (SB) 2483, SD 1 Relating to Fireworks

I am Robert F. Westerman, Vice Chair of the Hawaii State Fire Council (SFC) and Fire Chief of the Kauai Fire Department (KFD). The SFC and the KFD support SB 2483, SD 1, which purposes to clarify the current statute by delineating the responsibilities of shippers, amending the labeling dimensions of display, pyrotechnic articles, and aerial devices. It will also authorize permits for fireworks used in movie productions and for testing or disposal purposes.

This bill amends the labeling size for display fireworks, pyrotechnic articles, or aerial devices to 9 square inches or 9 inches by 9 inches, which is consistent with nationally recognized standards. Requirements for a shipper of fireworks products are added to ensure proper agency notification.

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The SFC and the KFD urge your committee's support on the passage of SB 2483, SD 1.

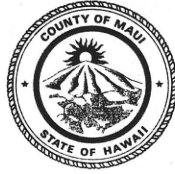
Please call me at (808) 241-4975 should you have any questions regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Robert Westerman  
Fire Chief, County of Kaua'i

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February 24, 2016

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Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection,  
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The State Senate  
State Capitol, Room 230  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Chair Baker:

Subject: Senate Bill (SB) 2483, Senate Draft (SD) 1 Relating to Fireworks

I am Jeffrey A. Murray, Member of the Hawaii State Fire Council (SFC) and Fire Chief of the Maui Fire Department (MFD). The SFC and the MFD support SB 2483, SD 1, which proposes to clarify the current statute by delineating the responsibilities of shippers; amend the labeling dimensions of display, pyrotechnic articles, and aerial devices; and authorize permits for fireworks used in movie productions and testing or disposal purposes.

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Should you have questions please contact me at (808) 270-7561 or [fire.dept@mauicounty.gov](mailto:fire.dept@mauicounty.gov).

Sincerely,

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JEFFREY A. MURRAY, Chief  
Maui Fire Department