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February 24, 2016

The Honorable Jill Tokuda, Chair
Committee on Ways and Means
The State Senate
State Capitol, Room 207
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Subject: SB 2484 Relating to Fireworks
Hearing Date: Thursday, February 25, 2016
Time/Place of Hearing: 1:00 p.m., Conference Room 211

Dear Chair Tokuda:

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 2484, which proposes to increase the display permit fee from \$110 to \$300.

This permit authorizes licensed pyro technicians to conduct outdoor aerial and indoor fireworks displays at special events. The administrative costs to process, review, and approve these permits have increased. Prior to approving a permit, fire department inspectors must evaluate the firing site, proposed distance to audiences, and proximity to adjacent structures and combustible vegetation. On-site verification of fireworks inventory before and after the event, inspection of pyrotechnic equipment, safety precautions, and weather conditions are some of the items reviewed as well.

Public safety and property protection are priorities of HFD's approval process and is in favor of having the permit fees increased appropriately.

We, therefore, urge your support on the passage of S.B. 2484. Should you have questions, please contact me at 808-932-2903 or darren.rosario@hawaiicounty.gov

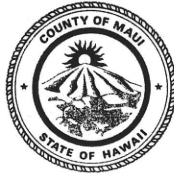
Very Truly Yours,

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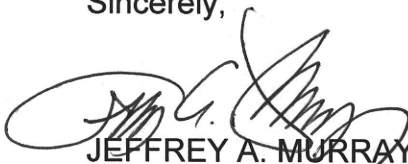
I am Jeffrey A. Murray, Member of the Hawaii State Fire Council (SFC) and Fire Chief of the Maui Fire Department (MFD). The SFC and the MFD support SB 2484, which proposes to increase the display permit fee from \$110 to \$300.

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Public safety and property protection are priorities for the MFD's approval of fireworks permits. The SFC and the MFD urge your committee's support on the passage of SB 2484.

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

Sincerely,


JEFFREY A. MURRAY, Chief
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Dear Chair Tokuda:

Subject: Senate Bill (SB) 2484 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 2484, which proposes to increase the display permit fee from \$110 to \$300.

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Public safety and property protection are priorities for the HFD's approval of fireworks permits. The SFC and the HFD urge your committee's support on the passage of SB 2484.

Should you have questions, please contact SFC Administrator Socrates Bratakos at 723-7105 or sbratakos@honolulu.gov.

Sincerely,

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MANUEL P. NEVES
Chair

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Dear Chair Tokuda:

Subject: Senate Bill (SB) 2484 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 2484, which proposes to increase the display permit fee from \$110 to \$300.

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Public safety and property protection are priorities of KFD's approval process and is in favor of having the permit fees increased appropriately.

The SFC and the KFD urges your support on the passage of S.B. 2484.

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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Comments:

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