



# SB2484

Measure Title:	RELATING TO FIREWORKS.
Report Title:	Fireworks; Display Fee
Description:	Raises the permit fee for aerial devices, display fireworks, or articles pyrotechnic.
Companion:	
Package:	None
Current Referral:	PSM, WAM
Introducer(s):	NISHIHARA, ESPERO, KIDANI, Baker, Wakai

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February 8, 2016

The Honorable Clarence Nishihara, Chair  
Committee on Public Safety, Intergovernmental,  
and Military Affairs  
The State Senate  
State Capitol, Room 204  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Chair Nishihara:

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.

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, 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.

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](mailto:sbratakos@honolulu.gov).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "M. Neves".

MANUEL P. NEVES  
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Dear Chair Nishihara:

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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State Capitol, Room 204  
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Dear Chair Nishihara:

**Subject: SB 2484 Relating to Cargo Inspections**  
**Hearing Date: Thursday, February 11, 2016**  
**Time/Place of Hearing: 1:15 p.m., Conference Room 229**

Dear Chair Nishihara:

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 pyrotechnicians 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](mailto:darren.rosario@hawaiicounty.gov)

Very Truly Yours,

DARREN J. ROSARIO  
Fire Chief



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**SB2484**

Submitted on: 2/8/2016

Testimony for PSM on Feb 11, 2016 13:15PM in Conference Room CR229

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Kelika Ragragola	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I oppose this bill as it just imposes more governmental control on our own cultural practices.

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