

# **SB 662**

## **RELATING TO FIREWORKS**

Requires shippers to notify the county fire chief as to where fireworks shipments imported into the State or between counties are to be distributed; defines the term redistribution to clarify shipment notification requirements; clarifies that labels on certain fireworks shall be at least nine square inches; and establishes exceptions to fireworks prohibitions.

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February 10, 2015

The Honorable Will Espero, Chair  
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The State Senate  
State Capitol, Room 206  
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The Honorable Clarence Nishihara, Chair  
Committee on Transportation  
The State Senate  
State Capitol, Room 204  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Chairs Espero and Nishihara:

Subject: Senate Bill (SB) 662 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 662, which proposes to clarify the current statute by defining the activity of redistribution; delineating the responsibilities of shippers; and 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.

Redistribution involves unpacking, segregating, and repacking fireworks shipments, which are then shipped to the neighbor islands or transported to retail locations. Since fireworks redistribution activities are conducted and completed within a few days, the location where such activities are conducted will have minimum safety requirements that are based on building and fire codes or nationally recognized standards.

This bill amends the labeling size for display fireworks, articles pyrotechnic, or aerial devices to nine square inches instead of nine inches by nine inches, which is consistent

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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 committees' passage of SB 662.

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

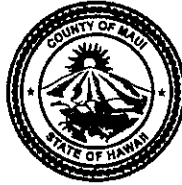
Sincerely,



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February 9, 2015

The Honorable Will Espero, Chair  
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Dear Chair Espero:

Subject: S.B. 662 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 S.B. 662, which proposes to clarify the current statute by defining the activity of redistribution, delineate the responsibilities of shippers, and amend 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.

Redistribution involves unpacking, segregating, and repacking fireworks shipments, which are then shipped to the neighbor islands or transported to retail locations. Since fireworks redistribution activities are conducted and completed within a few days, the location where such activities are conducted will have minimum safety requirements that are based on building and fire codes or nationally recognized standards.

This bill amends the labeling size for display fireworks, articles pyrotechnic, or aerial devices to nine square inches instead of nine inches by nine inches, which is consistent with nationally recognized standards. The 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 for testing, disposal or destruction of illegal or unwanted fireworks.

The SFC and the MFD urge your committee's passage of S.B. 662.

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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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February 9, 2015

The Honorable Will Espero, Chair  
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State Capitol, Room 206  
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

Dear Chair Espero:

**Subject: S.B. 662 Relating to Fireworks**

I am Darren J. Rosario, Member of the Hawai'i State Fire Council (SFC) and Fire Chief of the Hawai'i Fire Department of the County of Hawai'i (HCFD). The SFC and the HCFD support S.B. 662, which proposes to clarify the current statute by defining the activity of redistribution, delineate the responsibilities of shippers, and amend 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.

Redistribution involves unpacking, segregating, and repacking fireworks shipments, which are then shipped to the neighbor islands or transported to retail locations. Since fireworks redistribution activities are conducted and completed within a few days, the location where such activities are conducted will have minimum safety requirements that are based on building and fire codes or nationally recognized standards. This is extremely a concern for Hawai'i Island which is home to the State's largest fireworks distributors.

This bill amends the labeling size for display fireworks, articles pyrotechnic, or aerial devices to be consistent with nationally recognized standards of 9 square inches. To ensure proper agency notification the requirements for a shipper of fireworks products have been added. Two prohibited exceptions are added to authorize permits for the use in movie productions and for testing, disposal or destruction of illegal or unwanted fireworks.

The SFC and the HCFD urge your committee's passage of S.B. 662.

Should you have questions, please contact me at 932-2903 or [fire@hawaiicounty.gov](mailto:fire@hawaiicounty.gov).

Sincerely,

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**DARREN J. ROSARIO**  
Fire Chief



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Submitted on: 2/10/2015

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
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