

SB 663

RELATING TO FIREWORKS

Increases the fee for the permit for the purchase and use of aerial fireworks, display fireworks, and articles pyrotechnic.

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February 4, 2015

The Honorable Will Espero, Chair
Committee on Public Safety, Intergovernmental
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The State Senate
State Capitol, Room 206
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Chair Espero:

Subject: S.B. 663 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 S.B. 663, 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 and inspection of pyrotechnic equipment, safety precautions, and weather conditions are some of the items reviewed.

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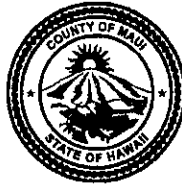
The SFC and the HFD urge your support on the passage of S.B. 663. Should you have questions, please contact SFC Administrator Socrates Bratakos at sbratakos@honolulu.gov or 723-7105.

Sincerely,

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

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