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February 8, 2018

The Honorable Lorraine Inouye, Chair
Committee on Transportation and Energy
The State Senate
State Capitol, Room 210
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Chair Inouye:

Subject: Senate Bill (SB) 2183 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 2183, which proposes to clarify the current statute by authorizing permits for fireworks used in movie productions, testing, disposal, or destruction of illegal fireworks; delineating the responsibilities of shippers; and amending the label dimensions of display, pyrotechnic articles, and aerial devices.

Two exceptions to the fireworks prohibitions are added to authorize permits for the use in movie productions and testing, disposal, or destruction of illegal or unwanted fireworks.

This bill will require shippers to notify the county Fire Chief when fireworks leave the port of entry into the State of Hawaii (State) to another pier, a warehouse or storage facility, or for redistribution. Currently, the statute requires licensed importers, wholesalers, or retailers to notify the fire department. The bill would add another safeguard, which will be beneficial when licensed or unlicensed individuals attempt to transport fireworks within the State and do not notify the fire department.

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The SFC and the HFD urge your committee's support on the passage of SB 2183.

Should you have questions, please contact SFC Administrative Specialist Lloyd Rogers at 723-7176 or lrogers@honolulu.gov.

Sincerely,



MANUEL P. NEVES
Chair

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SB-2183

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Testimony for TRE on 2/9/2018 1:35:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
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Comments:

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Committee on Transportation and Energy

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State Capitol, Room 210

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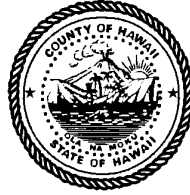


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Committee on Transportation and Energy
State Senate
State Capitol, Room 210
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Chair Inouye:

SUBJECT: SB 2183, RELATING TO FIREWORKS
Hearing Date: Friday, February 9, 2018
Time/Place of Hearing: 1:35 pm, Conference Room 225

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 supports SB 2183, which proposes to clarify the current statute by authorizing permits for fireworks used in movie productions, testing, disposal, or destruction of illegal fireworks; delineating the responsibilities of shippers; and amending the label dimensions of display, pyrotechnic articles, and aerial devices.

I support this bill as it adds additional safeguards for the safety of our community and firefighters by;

1. Requiring proper notification regarding transport of fireworks within our state.
2. Establishes consistency with national standards by amending the labeling size to 9 inches for display fireworks, pyrotechnic articles, or aerial devices.

The SFC and the HCFD urge your committee's support on the passage of SB 2183.

Should you have questions, please contact me at darren.rosario@hawaiicounty.gov or at 808-932-2903.

Respectfully,

Handwritten signature of Darren J. Rosario.

DARREN J. ROSARIO
Fire Chief



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Submitted on: 2/6/2018 2:47:27 PM

Testimony for TRE on 2/9/2018 1:35:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Randall Francisco	County of Kauai	Support	No

Comments: