

**SB-2186**

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The Honorable Clarence Nishihara, Chair

Committee on Public Safety, Intergovernmental,

and Military Affairs

The State Senate

State Capitol, Room 214

Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Chair Nishihara:

Subject: Senate Bill (SB) 2186 Relating to Fire Works

I am Robert Westerman, Chair of the Hawaii State Fire Council (SFC) and Fire Chief of the Kauai Fire Department (KFD). The SFC and the KFD support SB 2186, 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 14 years, administrative costs to process, review, and approve have increased. This includes an on-site verification of fireworks inventory before and after the event,

inspection of pyrotechnic equipment, safety precautions, evaluation of the firing site, distance to audiences, proximity to adjacent structures and combustible vegetation, and weather conditions are some of the items reviewed.

Public safety and property protection are priorities for the KFD's approval of fireworks permits.

The SFC and the KFD urge your committee's support on the passage of SB 2186.

Should you have questions, please contact SFC Administrative Specialist Lloyd Rogers at 723-7176 or [lrogers@honolulu.gov](mailto:lrogers@honolulu.gov).

Sincerely,



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