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February 22, 2018

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The Honorable Donovan Dela Cruz, Chair
Committee on Ways and Means
The State Senate
State Capitol, Room 208
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Chair Dela Cruz:

Subject: Senate Bill (SB) 2186 Relating to Fireworks

I am Jeffrey A. Murray, Member of the Hawaii State Fire Council (SFC) and Fire Chief of the Maui County, Department of Fire and Public Safety (MFD). The SFC and the MFD support SB 2186, which proposes to increase the display permit fee from \$110 to \$300.

This permit authorizes licensed pyro technicians 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 HFD's approval of fireworks permits.

The SFC and the MFD 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.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jeffrey A. Murray".

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LATE

February 20, 2018

The Honorable Donovan Dela Cruz, Chair
Committee on Ways and Means
The State Senate
State Capitol, Room 208
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Chair Dela Cruz:

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

I am Robert 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 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 Honorable Donovan Dela Cruz, Chari

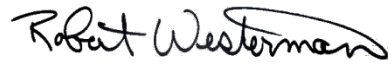
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The SFC and the KFD urge your committee's support on the passage of SB 2186.

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

Sincerely,

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Robert Westerman
Fire Chief, County of Kaua'i

RFW/dag