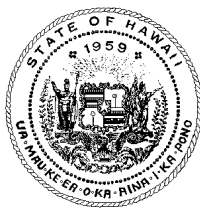


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**TESTIMONY ON HOUSE BILL 1099
RELATING TO FIREWORKS**

by
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House Committee on Public Safety, Veterans, and Military Affairs
Representative Gregg Takayama, Chair
Representative Cedric Asuega Gates, Vice Chair

Wednesday, February 13, 2019; 10:00 a.m.
State Capitol, Conference Room 430

Chair Takayama, Vice Chair Gates, and Members of the Committee:

The Department of Public Safety (PSD) offers comments on House Bill (HB) 1099, which proposes to require the Sheriff's Division specialized canine unit to assist in the random inspection of fireworks shipments into the State. The Sheriff Division has only two (2) explosive detection canines on Oahu, and no such canines on the neighbor islands.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.



KAUA'I FIRE DEPARTMENT
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February 12, 2019

The Honorable Gregg Takayama, Chair
Committee on Public Safety, Veterans,
and Military Affairs
House of Representatives
State Capitol, Room 323
Honolulu, HI 96813

Aloha Chair Takayama:

Subject: House Bill (HB) 1099 Relating to Fireworks

I am Kilipaki Vaughan, Deputy Fire Chief of the Kauai Fire Department (KFD). The KFD **supports** HB 1099, which will require the Sheriff Division's specialized canine unit to assist in the random inspection of fireworks shipments into the state.

The widespread use of illegal fireworks continues to impact our citizen's health and safety. In addition to injuries and fires, citizens are greatly impacted by noise, pollution, and mental health issues. We strongly believe that any program to reduce and, hopefully, eliminate the use of illegal fireworks is a step in the right direction.

Public safety and property protection are priorities for the KFD's fireworks permit and inspection program. As such, the KFD urges your committee's support on the passage of HB 1099.

Should you have questions, please contact me at (808) 241-4980 or via email at kvaughan@kauai.gov

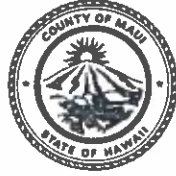
Ke aloha nui,

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Dear Chair Takayama:

Subject: House Bill (HB) 1099 Relating to Fireworks

I am David C. Thyne, member of the Hawaii State Fire Council (SFC) and Fire Chief of the Maui Fire Department (MFD). The SFC and the MFD support HB 1099, which will require the Sheriff Division's specialized canine unit to assist in the random inspection of fireworks shipments into the state.

The widespread use of illegal fireworks continues to impact our citizen's health and safety. In addition to injuries and fires, citizens are greatly impacted by noise, pollution, and mental health issues. The HFD identified the importing of many illegal fireworks to the City and County of Honolulu through the port of Honolulu. We strongly believe that any program to reduce and, hopefully, eliminate the use of illegal fireworks is a step in the right direction.

Public safety and property protection are priorities for the HFD's fireworks permit and inspection program. As such, the SFC and the HFD urge your committee's support on the passage of HB 1099.

Should you have questions, please contact SFC Administrative Specialist Lloyd Rogers at (808) 723-7176 or lrogers@honolulu.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "D. Thyne", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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Fire Chief

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Dear Chair Takayama:

Subject: House Bill (HB) 1099 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 HB 1099, which will require the Sheriff Division's specialized canine unit to assist in the random inspection of fireworks shipments into the state.

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Testimony of Ku'uhaku Park
On Behalf of Matson
Opposition to HB1099
Before the House Committee on Public Safety, Veterans, & Military Affairs
February 13, 2019

Dear Chair Takayama, Vice Chair Gates, and Members of the Committee,

Matson respectfully opposes HB1099, Relating to Fireworks, which requires the Sheriff Division's specialized canine unit to assist in the inspection of fireworks shipments into the State.

In its current form, HB1099 is premature. It does not include a process or procedure for canine inspections of cargo containing fireworks and instead only states that the canine unit shall assist the applicable fire department with inspections. It does not specify where or when these inspections will take place. Matson's operations run twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week and our Sand Island Terminal is operating at or above full capacity. Any additional inspection that takes place in our terminal could cause significant delays in offloading and out-gating our cargo.

Our cargo is already inspected in accordance with federal and state rules. Additional screening should take place outside of our terminal to avoid interference with operations. If your Committee intends to pass this measure, we request that the measure be amended to include a process that ensures these additional canine inspections will not delay or obstruct the flow of commerce.

Further, we believe that this measure requires a technical, nonsubstantive amendment that changes "shall" on page 1, line 9, to "may." Without this technical amendment, the measure may prohibit a fire inspector from conducting an inspection unless there is a canine available.

Thank you for considering this testimony in opposition.

HB-1099

Submitted on: 2/8/2019 3:53:07 PM

Testimony for PVM on 2/13/2019 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Karin Nomura	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

While supporting this bill, would also like to add that illegal fireworks have still been making their way into the islands. With while a restriction to how many fireworks can be purchased, still seems to be months/yr long supply of them for some. Now, I'm not saying that officials aren't trying their best, but if someone is going to 'smuggle' illegal fireworks in, there might not be a listing for pyrotechnic type devices listed. So maybe looking into some of the shipments that keep coming during the times fireworks may be arriving, while tedious, might discover some...

HB-1099

Submitted on: 2/9/2019 2:25:20 PM

Testimony for PVM on 2/13/2019 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Alan Urasaki	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

HB-1099

Submitted on: 2/12/2019 6:43:50 PM

Testimony for PVM on 2/13/2019 10:00:00 AM

LATE

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Andrea Quinn	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Dear Honorable Committee Members:

Please support HB1099. Fireworks not only are responsible for personal injuries such as blown off fingers, but they often are responsible for fires as well.

Thank you for the opportunity to present my testimony.

Andrea Quinn

Kihei

LATE

HB-1099

Submitted on: 2/13/2019 3:25:06 AM
Testimony for PVM on 2/13/2019 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
De MONT R. D. CONNER	Ho'omanapono Political Action Committee (HPAC)	Oppose	Yes

Comments:

WE STRONGLY OPPOSE THIS BILL. STATE SHERIFFS HAVE NO JURISDICTION ON THE HARBORS DIVISION. THE HARBORS DIVISION HAS ITS OWN POLICE UNIT TO DEAL WITH RANDOM INSPECTIONS.

LATE

HB-1099

Submitted on: 2/13/2019 10:11:06 AM
Testimony for PVM on 2/13/2019 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Robert Perreira	Hawaii Fire Dept.	Comments	No

Comments:

HRS 132 D already currently allows the fire department of a county to inspect shipments that are declared on the manifest as fireworks. A county fire department cannot inspect a container that is not declared fireworks and it appears this proposed ammendment does not give that authority. It appears this proposed ammendment would require a Sheriff's canine to be present and used in order for a fire department to inspect a container that is declared as fireworks. If the intent of this bill is to give the fire department of a county the authority to use a Sheriff's canine to sniff containers that are not declared fireworks with the intent to find undeclared firework products then it appears this proposed bill needs editing. This proposed bill in its current state actually is more restrictive to the county fire department as it is stating that a sheriff's canine shall assist a fire department to inspect a container that is declared fireworks.