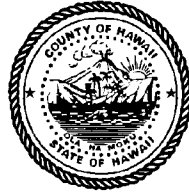


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March 18, 2019

The Honorable Clarence Nishihara, Chair  
Committee on Public Safety, Intergovernmental,  
and Military Affairs  
The State Senate  
State Capitol, Room 214  
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

Dear Chair Nishihara:

**Subject: H.B. 499, HD 1, RELATING TO FIREWORKS LABELING**  
**Hearing Date: Tuesday, March 19, 2019**  
**Time/Place of Hearing: 1:20 p.m., Conference Room 229**

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 support HB 499, HD 1, which proposes to correct the labeling dimensions for display fireworks, articles pyrotechnic, or aerial devices in the Hawai'i Revised Statutes Section 132D-16.5.

The current statute contains language that should be corrected. The current language in the statute incorrectly specifies, "The label shall measure at least nine inches by nine inches." The proposed amendment specifies, "The label shall measure at least nine square inches." This amended language is the correct verbiage intended.

Public safety and property protection are priorities for the HFD's approval of fireworks permits. The SFC and the HCFD urge your committee's support on the passage of HB 499, HD 1.

Please do not hesitate to call me at 932-2901 or [darren.rosario@hawaiicounty.gov](mailto:darren.rosario@hawaiicounty.gov) should you have any questions. Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in support of HB 499, HD 1.

Respectfully,

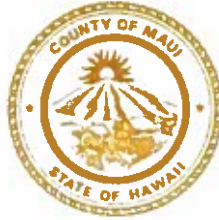
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Dear Chair Nishihara:

Subject: House Bill (HB) 499 House Draft (HD) 1 Relating to Fireworks Labeling

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 499 HD 1, which proposes to correct the labeling dimensions for display fireworks, articles pyrotechnic, or aerial devices in the Hawaii Revised Statutes, Section 132D-16.5.

Current language in the statute incorrectly specifies, "The label shall measure at least nine inches by nine inches." The proposed amendment specifies, "The label shall measure at least nine square inches." This allows labeling to be placed on smaller-sized pyrotechnic devices that may have only a printable diameter of one inch.

Public safety and property protection are priorities for the MFD's approval of fireworks permits. The SFC and the MFD urge your committee's support on the passage of HB 499 HD 1.

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "D. C. Thyne".

DAVID C. THYNE  
Fire Chief

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In consideration of  
House Bill 499 HD 1  
Relating to Fireworks Labeling

Aloha Chair Nishihara, Vice Chair Wakai and Members of the Committee:

I am Kilipaki Vaughan, Deputy Fire Chief of the Kauai Fire Department (KFD). The KFD **supports** HB 499 HD 1, which proposes to correct the labeling dimensions for display fireworks, articles pyrotechnic, or aerial devices in the Hawaii Revised Statutes Section 132D-16.5.

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Public safety and property protection are priorities for the KFD's approval of fireworks permits. The KFD is in **support** of your committee's passage of HB 499 HD 1.

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

Ke aloha nui,

Kilipaki Vaughan  
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Dear Chair Nishihara:

Subject: House Bill (HB) 499, House Draft (HD) 1 Relating to Fireworks Labeling

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 499, HD 1, which proposes to correct the labeling dimensions for display fireworks, articles pyrotechnic, or aerial devices in the Hawaii Revised Statutes, Section 132D-16.5.

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Sincerely,

MANUEL P. NEVES  
Chair

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