

HB  
499

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## A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO FIREWORKS LABELING.

**BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:**

1           SECTION 1. The legislature finds that labeling dimensions  
2 for display fireworks, articles pyrotechnic, or aerial devices  
3 were incorrectly transcribed in the current statute.

4           The purpose of this Act is to provide correct labeling  
5 dimensions for display fireworks, articles pyrotechnic, or  
6 aerial devices.

7           SECTION 2. Section 132D-16.5, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
8 amended by amending subsection (b) to read as follows:

9           "(b) Each shell, mine, comet, and multiple tube device,  
10 such as finale or barrage boxes, roman candle batteries, or  
11 cakes, shall bear a permanent label listing the licensee's name,  
12 address, and contact information to include telephone number or  
13 electronic mail address. The label shall also list the name and  
14 business address of the manufacturer. The label shall be  
15 approved by the state fire council and conform to the following  
16 standards:



- 1 (1) Numerals and letters of the printed matter shall be  
2 not less than one-eighth of an inch high;
- 3 (2) Required statements shall be printed in a color that  
4 contrasts sharply with the background and shall be  
5 printed within a borderline; and
- 6 (3) The label shall measure at least nine [~~inches by nine~~]  
7 square inches; provided that if the size of the shell,  
8 mine, comet, or multiple tube device is too small to  
9 correctly display a label of this size, the label may  
10 be reduced to a size no smaller than necessary to  
11 properly display the information described in this  
12 section."

13 SECTION 3. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed  
14 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

15 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.  
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By Request

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# H.B. NO. 499

**Report Title:**

State Fire Council Package; Fireworks; Labeling

**Description:**

Corrects labeling dimension with regard to fireworks used for display.

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February 4, 2019

The Honorable Roy Takumi, Chair  
Committee on Consumer Protection  
and Commerce  
House of Representatives  
State Capitol, Room 320  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Chair Takumi:

Subject: House Bill (HB) 499 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, 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."

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

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

Sincerely,

MANUEL P. NEVES  
Chair

MPN/LR/clc



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**LATE TESTIMONY**

The Honorable Roy Takumi, Chair  
Committee on Consumer Protection  
and Commerce  
State Capitol, Room 320  
Honolulu, HI 96813

Aloha Chair Takumi:

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

I am Kilipaki Vaughan, Deputy Fire Chief of the Kauai Fire Department (KFD). The KFD supports HB 499, 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."

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

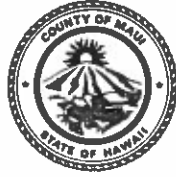
Should you have questions, please contact me at (808) 241-4980 or via email at [kvaughan@kauai.gov](mailto:kvaughan@kauai.gov)

Ke aloha nui,

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Deputy Fire Chief  
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February 4, 2019

The Honorable Roy Takumi, Chair  
Committee on Consumer Protection  
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State Capitol, Room 231  
Honolulu, HI 96813

Dear Chair Takumi:

Subject: House Bill (HB) 499 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, 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."

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.

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

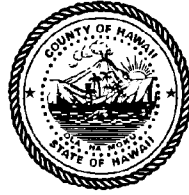
Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "D.C. Thyne", is written over a horizontal line.

DAVID C. THYNE  
Fire Chief

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**Harry Kim**  
*Mayor*



**Darren J. Rosario**  
*Fire Chief*

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February 4, 2019

The Honorable Roy Takumi, Chair  
Committee on Consumer Protection  
and Commerce  
House of Representatives  
State Capitol, Room 329  
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

Dear Chair Takumi:

**Subject: H.B. 499, RELATING TO FIREWORKS LABELING**  
**Hearing Date: Tuesday, February 5, 2019**  
**Time/Place of Hearing: 2:00 p.m., Conference Room 329**

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, 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.

Please do not hesitate to call me at 932-2903 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.

Respectfully,

DARREN J. ROSARIO  
Fire Chief

