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Statement of  
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Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism  
before the  
**HOUSE COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY**

Tuesday, February 19, 2019  
2:05 PM  
State Capitol, Conference Room 325

In consideration of  
**HB 501, HD1**  
**RELATING TO FIREWORKS.**

Chair Lee, Vice Chair San Buenaventura, and members of the Committee.

The Department of Business, Economic Development and Tourism (DBEDT) **supports** HB 501, HD1, which authorizes the use of fireworks for film and theatrical productions and for testing, disposal, and destruction of illegal or unwanted fireworks by law enforcement.

This bill would allow film productions to use consumer fireworks, aerial devices, display fireworks or articles pyrotechnics during a special effects scene in a safe and monitored environment by allowing film productions an exemption to the General Prohibitions in §132D-5.

The film industry often utilizes pyrotechnics as part of special effects and stunts. When Legendary Entertainment filmed *Godzilla vs. Kong* and Universal Pictures produced *Jurassic World: Fallen Kingdom* in Hawaii - pyrotechnics was an essential part of the making of both films. The ongoing TV Series *Hawaii 5-0* and *Magnum P.I.* often use pyrotechnics – creating an exciting array of action packed story telling. These and other productions do these operations precisely and carefully to ensure the safety of the public, crew and cast.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

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February 19, 2019

The Honorable Chris Lee, Chair  
Committee on Judiciary  
House of Representatives  
State Capitol, Room 302  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Chair Lee:

Subject: House Bill (HB) 501, House Draft (HD) 1 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 501, HD 1, which proposes to add two exceptions to the current statute that would allow fireworks to be used in movie or theatrical productions with a permit and authorize law enforcement agencies to test, dispose, or destroy illegal fireworks.

Public safety and property protection are primary goals in the county fire departments' fireworks permit approval process. Requiring the movie and theatrical production industry to obtain a fireworks permit would improve the capability for county fire departments to monitor and regulate potentially hazardous activities involving fireworks.

Providing an exception to the fireworks permit requirement, allowing law enforcement agencies to test, dispose, or destroy illegal fireworks, should streamline their ability to eliminate potentially hazardous fireworks from the community.

The SFC and the HFD urge your committee's support on the passage of HB 501, HD 1.

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

Sincerely,

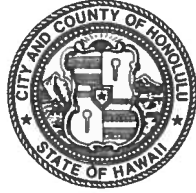
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MANUEL P. NEVES  
Chair

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The Honorable Chris Lee, Chair  
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Committee on Judiciary  
House of Representatives  
Hawaii State Capitol  
415 South Beretania Street, Room 325  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Chair Lee and Members:

SUBJECT: House Bill No. 501, H.D. 1, Relating to Fireworks

I am Acting Assistant Chief Darren Chun of the Regional Patrol Bureau of the Honolulu Police Department (HPD), City and County of Honolulu.

The HPD supports House Bill No. 501, H.D. 1, Relating to Fireworks.

The HPD supports a statewide restriction of consumer fireworks with the exception of special events to be inclusive of a film or theatrical production for which a valid permit has been obtained.

The HPD respectfully supports the amendments made in House Bill No. 501, H.D. 1, Relating to Fireworks.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Sincerely,

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Darren Chun, Acting Assistant Chief  
Regional Patrol Bureau

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Susan Ballard  
Chief of Police

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