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Statement of  
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Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism  
before the

**SENATE COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY**

Friday, March 29, 2019

9:30 AM

State Capitol, Conference Room 016

In consideration of

**HB 501, HD2, SD1**

**RELATING TO FIREWORKS.**

Chair Rhoads, Vice Chair Wakai, and members of the Committees.

The Department of Business, Economic Development and Tourism (DBEDT) **supports** HB 501, HD2, SD1, 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 were an essential part of the making of both films. The ongoing TV Series *Hawaii 5-0* and *Magnum P.I.* also use pyrotechnics – creating the action-packed sequences that are in integral part of the storytelling. 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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March 28, 2019

The Honorable Karl Rhoads, Chair  
Committee on Judiciary  
The State Senate  
State Capitol, Room 204  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Chair Rhoads:

Subject: House Bill (HB) 501, House Draft (HD) 2 Senate Draft (SD) 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 2, SD 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.

In addition, providing an exception to the fireworks permit requirement for law enforcement would allow agencies to test, dispose, or destroy illegal fireworks and streamline their ability to eliminate potentially hazardous fireworks from the community.

The SFC and the HFD urge your committees' support on the passage of HB 501, HD 2 SD 1.

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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

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**KILIPAKI VAUGHAN**  
DEPUTY FIRE CHIEF

The Honorable Karl Rhoads, Chair  
The Honorable Glenn Wakai, Vice Chair  
Senate Committee on Judiciary

March 29, 2019; 9:30 am  
Conference Room 016

In consideration of HB 501 HD 2 SD 1  
Relating to Fireworks

Aloha Chair Rhoads, and 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 501 HD 2 SD 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 for 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 for law enforcement agencies to test, dispose, or destroy illegal fireworks should streamline their ability eliminate potentially hazardous fireworks from the community. The KFD urges your committees's support on the passage of HB 501 HD 2 SD 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,

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