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Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism  
before the

**HOUSE COMMITTEES ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & BUSINESS AND  
PUBLIC SAFETY, VETERANS, & MILITARY AFFAIRS**

Wednesday, February 13, 2019  
9:30 AM

State Capitol, Conference Room 309

In consideration of

**HB 501  
RELATING TO FIREWORKS.**

Chairs McKelvey and Takayama, Vice Chairs Kitagawa and Gates, and members of the Committee.

The Department of Business, Economic Development and Tourism (DBEDT) **supports** HB 501 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.

We respectfully ask for a change on p. 2, line 9:

*“film movie, television or theatrical production for which for which a valid permit...”*  
“Movie” and “television production” are already defined in §132D-2 and this change would keep the language consistent.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

DAVID Y. IGE  
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LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR



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February 11, 2019

The Honorable Angus McKelvey, Chair  
Committee on Economic Development  
and Business  
House of Representatives  
State Capitol, Room 444  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Chair McKelvey:

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

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 confiscated fireworks should streamline the procedure for law enforcement to eliminate potentially hazardous fireworks from the community.

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

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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The Honorable Angus L.K. McKelvey, Chair  
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Committee on Economic Development and Business  
The Honorable Gregg Takayama, Chair  
and Members  
Committee on Public Safety, Veterans,  
and Military Affairs  
House of Representatives  
Hawaii State Capitol  
415 South Beretania Street, Room 309  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Chairs McKelvey and Takayama and Members:

SUBJECT: House Bill No. 501, 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, Relating to Fireworks, in regards to a statewide restriction on 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.

A concern the HPD has is regarding the disposal of "unwanted" fireworks. The storage and disposal of fireworks, which are essentially explosives, are extremely dangerous. The disposal of fireworks is a time consuming and costly event as it is considered hazardous material once it has been labeled for destruction and needs to be disposed of under strict protocols by trained technicians or license vendors.

The disposal of any unwanted fireworks should be the responsibility of the entity to which the permit was issued to.

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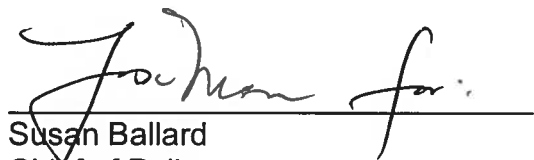
Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

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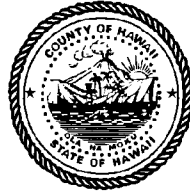
Darren Chun, Acting Assistant Chief  
Regional Patrol Bureau

APPROVED:



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Chief of Police

**Harry Kim**  
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**Darren J. Rosario**  
Fire Chief

**Lance S. Uchida**  
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Committee on Economic Development  
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House of Representatives  
State Capitol, Room 309  
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

Dear Chair McKelvey:

**Subject: H.B. 501 RELATING TO FIREWORKS**  
**Hearing Date: Wednesday, February 13, 2019**  
**Time/Place of Hearing: 09:30 a.m., Conference Room 309**

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 supports HB 501, which proposes to add two exceptions to the current statute that would allow a law enforcement agency to safely destroy or dispose of confiscated fireworks, provided the law enforcement agency retain a sample of each type of confiscated fireworks for evidentiary purposes.

Allowing our partnering public safety agencies the ability to assist fire departments with the elimination of hazardous fireworks in storage further increases the safety of our community. The HCFD has an established program of fireworks disposal and stands ready to assist law enforcement agencies with proper disposal.

The SFC and the HCFD further supports the bill's proposal to allow the courts to increase penalties based on fireworks quantities seized and assess fines for disposal costs.

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 501.

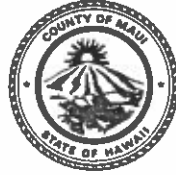
Respectfully,

Handwritten signature of Darren J. Rosario.

DARREN J. ROSARIO  
Fire Chief



MICHAEL VICTORINO  
MAYOR



DAVID THYNE  
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House of Representatives  
State Capitol, Room 444  
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Dear Chair McKelvey:

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

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The Honorable Clarence Nishihara, Chair

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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", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

DAVID C. THYNE  
Fire Chief

DCT/LR:clc



**KAUA'I FIRE DEPARTMENT**  
**THE COUNTY OF KAUAI**  
DEREK S. K. KAWAKAMI, MAYOR  
MICHAEL A. DAHLIG, MANAGING DIRECTOR

**KILIPAKI VAUGHAN**  
DEPUTY FIRE CHIEF

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Aloha Chair McKelvey:

Subject: House Bill (HB) 501 Relating to Fireworks

I am Kilipaki Vaughan, Deputy Fire Chief of the Kauai Fire Department (KFD). The KFD **supports** HB support HB 501, which proposes to add two exceptions to the current statute that would allow fireworks to be used in movie or theatrical productions and authorize law enforcement agencies to test, dispose, or destroy confiscated fireworks with a permit.

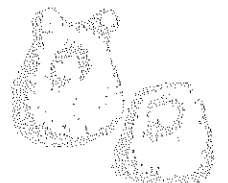
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The KFD urges your committee's support on the passage of HB 501.

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  
Deputy Fire Chief  
Kauai Fire Department, County of Kauai

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**HB-501**

Submitted on: 2/13/2019 2:41:13 AM

Testimony for EDB on 2/13/2019 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

**WE STRONGLY SUPPORT THIS BILL, BUT SEEK TO STRIKE THE LANGUAGE IN SECTIONS 2 & 3 ON PAGE 2. THE TIME HAS COME TO END THE BAN ON THE SALE OF FIREWORKS. IF WE WERE SERIOUS ABOUT THE BAN, WE WOULD BAN THE IMPORTATION OF FIREWORKS. IT IS BECAUSE WE HAVE NO BAN ON THE IMPORTATION OF FIREWORKS, THAT WE CONTINUE TO FEED THE ILLEGAL SALES OF BLACK MARKET FIREWORKS!**

**EITHER HAVE A COMPLETE IMPORTATION BAN ON FIREWORKS OR REMOVE THE BAN ALTOGETHER, TAX FIREWORKS LIKE WE DO ALCOHOL, CIGARETTES & MARIJUANA, SO & CONTROL IT THROUGH STRICT PERMITTING PROCESS. MAHALO.**