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March 11, 2019

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

Dear Chair Takumi:

Subject: Senate Bill (SB) 148 Relating to Fire Protection

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 SB 148, which proposes to specify the allowable fire protection system certifications that an individual may obtain to more closely align the current statute with the state fire code and nationally recognized standards.

Hawaii Revised Statutes, Chapter 132, currently authorizes the SFC to establish statewide qualifications for testing, certifying, and credentialing individuals who perform maintenance and testing of portable fire extinguishers, fire protection systems, and fire alarm systems. This bill proposes to define the three distinct fire protection system licenses that individuals are required to obtain:

1. Water-based fire protection systems
2. Other fire protection systems
3. Private fire hydrants

Water-based fire protection systems include fire extinguishing systems, such as automatic fire sprinklers, wet and dry standpipe systems, and fire pumps where water is the primary fire suppressant. Other fire protection systems replace water with dry or wet chemical, carbon dioxide, or clean agents as the primary fire suppressant. The bill

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also proposes to include a private fire hydrant license which, like water and other fire protection systems, requires regular maintenance in order to operate properly when needed. Maintenance testing requirements of these different systems are outlined in the National Fire Protection Agency's national standards, and their proper operation is critical to life safety not only of building occupants, but fire fighters as well.

The SFC and the HFD respectfully request your passage of SB 148.

Should you have questions, please contact SFC Administrative Specialist Lloyd Rogers at 723-7176 or lrogers@honolulu.gov.

Sincerely,



MANUEL P. NEVES
Chair

MPN/LR:clc



KAUA'I FIRE DEPARTMENT
THE COUNTY OF KAUAI
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DEPUTY FIRE CHIEF

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Aloha Chair Takumi:

Subject: Senate Bill (SB) 148 Relating to Fire Protection

I am Kilipaki Vaughan, Deputy Fire Chief of the Kauai Fire Department (KFD). The KFD **supports** SB 148, which proposes to specify the allowable fire protection systems certifications that an individual may obtain, to more closely align the current statute with the state fire code and nationally recognized standards.

Hawaii Revised Statutes, Chapter 132, currently authorizes the State Fire Council (SFC) to establish statewide qualifications for testing, certifying, and credentialing individuals who perform maintenance and testing of portable fire extinguishers, fire protection systems, and fire alarm systems. This bill proposes to define the two distinct fire protection systems licenses that individuals are required to obtain:

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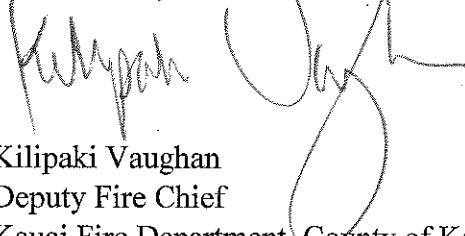
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The SFC and KFD respectfully request your passage of SB 148.

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

Ke aloha nui,



Kilipaki Vaughan
Deputy Fire Chief
Kauai Fire Department, County of Kauai

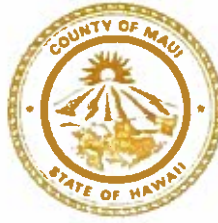
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DAVID C. THYNE
Fire Chief

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Deputy Fire Chief



DEPARTMENT OF FIRE & PUBLIC SAFETY

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Committee on Consumer Protection
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State Capitol, Room 320
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Dear Chair Takumi:

Subject: Senate Bill (SB) 148 Relating to Fire Protection

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 SB 148, which proposes to specify the allowable fire protection system certifications that an individual may obtain to more closely align the current statute with the state fire code and nationally recognized standards.

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'D. Thyne', with a stylized flourish at the end.

DAVID C. THYNE
Fire Chief

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Testimony for CPC on 3/12/2019 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Melodie Aduja	O`ahu County Committee on Legislative Priorities of the Democratic Party of Hawai`i	Support	No

Comments: