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February 11, 2019

The Honorable Clarence Nishihara, Chair  
Committee on Public Safety, Intergovernmental,  
and Military Affairs  
The State Senate  
State Capitol, Room 214  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Chair Nishihara:

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 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 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 system licenses that individuals are required to obtain:

1. Water-based fire protection systems
2. Other fire protection systems

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

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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 any 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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**KAUA'I FIRE DEPARTMENT**  
**THE COUNTY OF KAUA'I**  
DEREK S. K. KAWAKAMI, MAYOR  
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**KILIPAKI VAUGHAN**  
DEPUTY FIRE CHIEF

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Committee on Public Safety, Intergovernmental,  
and Military Affairs  
State Capitol, Room 214  
Honolulu, HI 96813

Aloha Chair Nishihara:

Subject: Senate Bill (SB) 148 Relating to Fire Protection  
(Companion Bill HB 495)

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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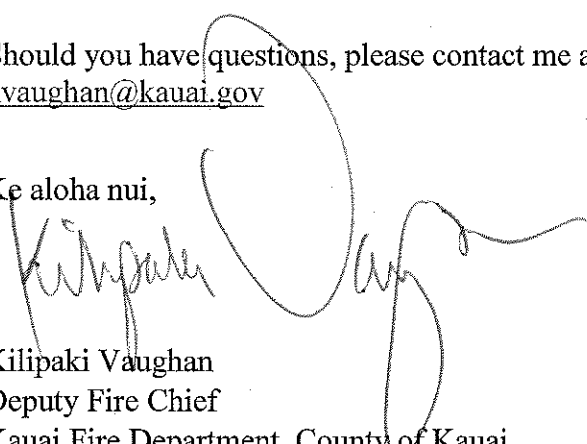
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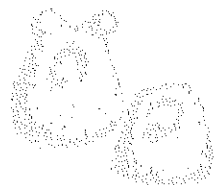
The KFD respectfully request your passage of SB 148.

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

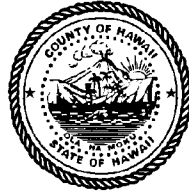
Ke aloha nui,

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

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The State Senate  
State Capitol, Room 414  
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

Dear Chair Nishihara:

**Subject: S.B. 148, RELATING TO FIRE PROTECTION**  
**Hearing Date: Wednesday, February 12, 2019**  
**Time/Place of Hearing: 1:15 p.m., Conference Room 229**

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 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.

Hawai'i Revised Statutes, Chapter 132, currently authorizes The SFC is currently authorized 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 authorization falls under the HRS, Chapter 132. The intent of this bill is to propose to define; a.) Water-based fire protection systems, and b.) Other fire protection systems. the bill would define these two distinct fire protection systems licenses that individuals are required to obtain.

The bill 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 HCFD respectfully request your passage of SB 148.



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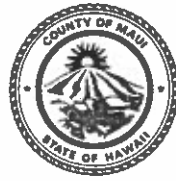
Please do not hesitate to call me at 932-2901 or [darren.rosario@hawaiicounty.gov](mailto:darren.rosario@hawaiicounty.gov) should you have any questions. Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in support of SB 148.

Respectfully,



DARREN J. ROSARIO  
Fire Chief

MICHAEL VICTORINO  
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Dear Chair Nishihara:

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

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

Sincerely,



DAVID C. THYNE  
Fire Chief

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