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February 13, 2019

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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) 1098 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 1098, which authorizes the sheriff and the sheriff's deputies to assist each county in its enforcement of Section 132D-20, Hawaii Revised Statutes.

The widespread use of illegal fireworks continues to impact our citizen's health and safety. In addition to injuries and fires, citizens are greatly impacted by noise, pollution, and mental health issues. The HFD identified the importing of many illegal fireworks to the City and County of Honolulu through the port of Honolulu. We strongly believe that any program to reduce and, hopefully, eliminate the use of illegal fireworks is a step in the right direction.

Public safety and property protection are priorities for the HFD's fireworks permit and inspection program. As such, the SFC and the HFD urge your committee's support on the passage of HB 1098.

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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 KAUA'I
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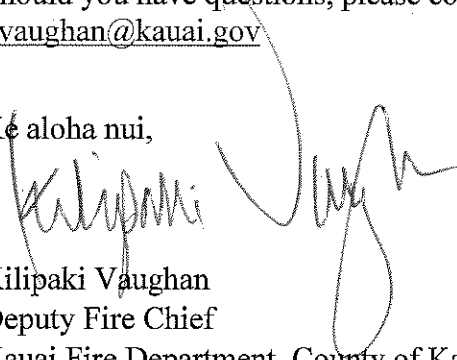
I am Kilipaki Vaughan, Deputy Fire Chief of the Kauai Fire Department (KFD). The KFD **supports** HB 1098, which will require the Sheriff Division's specialized canine unit to assist in the random inspection of fireworks shipments into the state.

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Public safety and property protection are priorities for the KFD's fireworks permit and inspection program. As such, the KFD urges your committee's support on the passage of HB 1098.

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

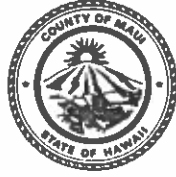
Ké aloha nui,


Kilipaki Vaughan
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Kauai Fire Department, County of Kauai

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Public safety and property protection are priorities for the MFD's fireworks permit and inspection program. As such, the SFC and the MFD urge your committee's support on the passage of HB 1098.

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 "David C. Thyne".

DAVID C. THYNE
Fire Chief

DCT/LR:clc

HB-1098

Submitted on: 2/12/2019 3:20:14 PM

Testimony for JUD on 2/14/2019 2:05:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Javier Mendez-Alvarez	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

HB-1098

Submitted on: 2/12/2019 6:18:28 PM

Testimony for JUD on 2/14/2019 2:05:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Joy Inada	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I Joy Inada am for enforcement of fireworks coming in thru ports of travel by our sheriff's department or any other law enforcement entity. I have been witness even today of illegal aerals going off for no reason even in daylight where they are unseen only heard. I myself have patrolled my neighborhood to pinpoint residences to no avail. It's nearly impossible to finger individuals with current laws as a citizen. Please do something to allow use only during allowed periods and definitely no allowance of illegal fireworks except at professional displays. Mahalo!

HB-1098

Submitted on: 2/12/2019 4:04:43 PM

Testimony for JUD on 2/14/2019 2:05:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Christopher M Profio	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Illegal fireworks cause havoc on Maui every year. It's not uncommon for fireworks to be exploded nightly from Halloween until after New Year's. Our dogs are traumatized by the noise, the air is polluted by the smoke, and the debris left behind in the streets from these illegal fireworks being set off runs into the storm drains and into the oceans.

The Maui Police do not seem to enforce existing laws against illegal fireworks because they do not patrol my neighborhood where they could see and hear violations. Instead, they say the "chase [fireworks] calls" but never seem to make any arrests. The police need to get out of their cars and patrol the problem neighborhoods on foot [or better yet, on bicycle] in order to be present when the violations are occurring and be able to take enforcement action. I know from my own prior law enforcement experience that this tactic works, but the local police do not seem able to work proactively against the problem.

The flow of illegal fireworks must therefore be stopped when they are shipped into the state. Greater efforts should be made to detect and intercept these shipments. Further, the existing laws against illegal fireworks need to be properly enforced.

HB-1098

Submitted on: 2/12/2019 10:50:40 PM

Testimony for JUD on 2/14/2019 2:05:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Gerard Silva	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

HB-1098

Submitted on: 2/12/2019 9:18:12 PM

Testimony for JUD on 2/14/2019 2:05:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
gerraine	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Lawmakers need to support laws that will allow prosecution of illegal fireworks .

Lawbreakers openly break and laugh at our weak laws.

We, the people who voted for you, suffer from the smoke, fires, noise, extreme stress dealing with our terrorized pets. Asthmatics suffer greatly from the smoke.

Because of ineffective laws, for the past years we now have BOMBS that shake the neighborhood. WHEN WILL YOU PUT A STOP TO THIS????

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HB-1098

Submitted on: 2/13/2019 7:23:09 PM

Testimony for JUD on 2/14/2019 2:05:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Dennis Tingey	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Dear Judiciary Committee:

We support HB 1098 as it will allow for additional law enforcement (State Deputies) resources to assist in enforcing the illegal fireworks problem. The fireworks problem has been getting worse every year and though it is a complex problem, allowing more law enforcement to be involved would be of benefit. If they could be focused around the holidays and new years eve, perhaps more violators would be cited than the small percentage that are now and act as a deterrent.

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Dennis & Edith Tingey

Makakilo

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HB-1098

Submitted on: 2/14/2019 8:19:40 AM
Testimony for JUD on 2/14/2019 2:05:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Charlene Dierking	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Leave it to the county's discretion.