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January 28, 2020

The Honorable Tom Brower, Chair
Committee on Housing
House of Representatives
State Capitol, Room 438
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Chair Brower:

Subject: House Bill (HB) 1762 Relating to Public Safety

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 strongly supports HB 1762, which seeks to require homeowners who sell their homes to have working smoke alarms present.

The currently adopted building code requires new or renovated homes to have smoke alarms in and outside of every bedroom and on every level. Smoke alarms that are properly installed and maintained play a vital role in reducing fire deaths and injuries. If there is a fire, smoke spreads quickly, and smoke alarms allow you time to escape. Today's smoke alarms are more technologically advanced to respond to a multitude of fire conditions and come with ten-year batteries.

Life safety are priorities for the SFC and the HFD, and we urge your committee's support on the passage of HB 1762.

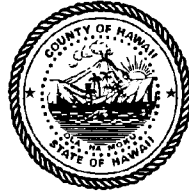
Should you have questions, please contact SFC Administrative Specialist Lloyd Rogers at 723-7176 or lrogers@honolulu.gov.

Sincerely,

MANUEL P. NEVES
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January 28, 2020

The Honorable Tom Brower, Chair
Committee on Housing
House of Representatives
State Capitol, Room 438
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

Dear Chair Brower:

Subject: H.B. 1762, RELATING TO PUBLIC SAFETY
Hearing Date: Thursday, January 30, 2020
Time/Place of Hearing: 9:45 a.m., Conference Room 423

I am Darren J. Rosario, Vice Chairman 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 strongly supports HB 1762, which seeks to require owners who sell their homes to have working smoke alarms present.

On behalf of the Hawai'i Fire Department, I support the written testimony being submitted by State Fire Council Chair Manuel Neves in its entirety.

The SFC and the HCFD respectfully request your passage of HB 1762.

Please do not hesitate to call me at 932-2903 or darren.rosario@hawaiicounty.gov should you have any questions. Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in support.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Darren J. Rosario".

DARREN J. ROSARIO
Fire Chief





**KAUA'I FIRE DEPARTMENT
THE COUNTY OF KAUA'I**

DEREK S. K. KAWAKAMI, MAYOR
MICHAEL A. DAHLIG, MANAGING DIRECTOR

**ROBERT F. WESTERMAN
FIRE CHIEF**

Testimony of Robert F. Westerman
Fire Chief, Kaua'i Fire Department

Before the
House Committee on Housing
January 30, 2020; 9:45 am
Conference Room 423

In consideration of
House Bill 1762
Relating to Public Safety

Honorable Chair Brower, Vice Chair Matayoshi, and Members of the Committee:

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Life safety are priorities for the SFC and the KFD, and we urge your committee's support on the passage of HB 1762.

Should you have questions, please contact KFD Fire Prevention Captain Darryl Date at 241-4982 or ddate@kauai.gov.

Sincerely,

Robert F. Westerman
Fire Chief

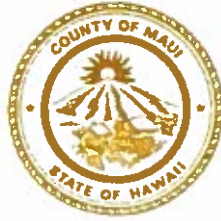
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COUNTY OF MAUI
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January 29, 2020

The Honorable Tom Bower, Chair
Committee on Housing
House of Representatives
State Capitol, Room 438
Honolulu, HI 96813

Dear Chair Bower:

Subject: House Bill (HB) 1762 Relating to Public Safety

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 1762, which seeks to require owners who sell their homes to have working smoke alarms present.

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Sincerely,

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DAVID C. THYNE
Fire Chief