

Testimony of Ku'uhaku Park
On Behalf of Matson
Comments on HB2611
Before the Committees on Public Safety, Veterans, & Military Affairs and Transportation
February 5, 2020

Dear Chair Takayama, Chair Aquino, Vice Chair Gates, Vice Chair Hashimoto, and Members of the Committees,

Matson respectfully submits comments on HB2611, Relating to Fireworks, and respectfully offers amendments. This measure, among other things, authorizes the fees to facilitate the inspection of shipping containers for fireworks.

As an island state, Hawaii is very dependent upon our commercial harbors to ensure the continued and unimpeded flow of cargo in and out of our State. It is estimated that over 90 percent Hawaii's imported goods pass through our commercial harbors, including consumer goods, motor vehicles, construction materials, and fuel. Given the critical role of our commercial harbors, it is imperative that the State support dependable and efficient cargo transportation and handling to service our residents and businesses.

Matson appreciates that the measure encourages that the majority of inspections occur away from the ports to allow timely removal of shipping containers and avoid off-loading delays. Matson's operations run twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week and our terminal is at full capacity. Any additional inspection that takes place at our terminal could cause significant delays in offloading and out-gating our cargo. Additional screening must take place outside of our terminals to avoid interference with operations.

This measure does not address the labor issues that arise from conducting cargo inspections occur on our terminals or in the commercial ports. We urge your Committees to ensure it has carefully considered the jurisdictional issues that may arise with private-sector organized labor.

This measure fails to address fireworks that enter the State through other methods beyond commercial shipping containers. All entities involved in moving cargo should be included in the inspection mandate. This could include the United States Postal Service, other mail carriers, airlines, air cargo carriers, recreational boat owners, and the related industry groups.

If your Committee intends to pass this measure, we request the following amendment:

- (1) Page 2, lines 3 to 10 to read: "(1) Inspection of inventory [~~and~~], including the inspection of containers of aerial devices after they have arrived in shipment, at the time the containers are opened, to verify that the contents and amounts of aerial devices shipped are consistent with the applicable manifest and that the person receiving the aerial devices has the proper license for those contents and in that amount; **provided that any inspection does not occur at a commercial harbor;**"

Thank you for considering the suggested amendment.

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Submitted on: 1/31/2020 2:46:54 PM

Testimony for PVM on 2/5/2020 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
lynne matusow	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

in strong support.

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Submitted on: 2/1/2020 12:45:35 PM

Testimony for PVM on 2/5/2020 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Karin Nomura	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

The fireworks have to be coming from somewhere so holding the sender and end retailer responsible for their inventory is logical.

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Submitted on: 2/3/2020 11:41:45 PM

Testimony for PVM on 2/5/2020 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Jennifer Azuma Chrupalyk	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

It affects way more than PTSD. it provides the necessary foundation for seizures to act up, nervous disorders to occur, as well as irritate neurological conditions, wwhile blowing hands off of inexperienced minors, causing fires and harmful to the environment.



Representative Gregg Takayama, Chair
Representative Cedric Asuega Gates, Vice Chair
Committee on Public Safety, Veterans & Military Affairs

Representative Henry Aquino, Chair
Representative Troy Hashimoto, Vice Chair
Committee on Transportation

RE: HB 2611 Relating to Fireworks – Comments, Request Amendment

February 5, 2020; Conference room 430; 9:30 A.M.

Aloha Chairs Takayama and Aquino, Vice Chairs Gates and Hashimoto and members of the Committees:

American Promotional Events appreciates this opportunity to offer comments on HB 2611 and would like to request an amendment.

HB 2611 increases fees imposed upon importers, wholesalers, storage sites, and retailers for licenses on fireworks and authorizes counties to use fees for costs related to inspecting shipped containers of aerial devices when they are opened. We acknowledge more resources are needed to enforce the proliferation of illegal display fireworks, however, this bill places an increased burden on businesses who import and sell strictly consumer fireworks. If additional funds are needed to bolster inspections of shipped containers of aerial devices, those increased fees should be directed at the importers of aerial devices and display fireworks. Also, as the intended amount of increase in fees is unspecified, there could be a significant negative effect on our business and the industry as a whole.

Based on the above, we respectfully request an amendment to exempt any fee increase on retailers' licenses.

Thank you for your consideration of this amendment.

Brian Trim
Vice President