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February 10, 2020

**LATE**

The Honorable Chris Lee, Chair  
Committee on Judiciary  
House of Representatives  
State Capitol, Room 433  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Chair Lee:

Subject: House Bill (HB) 2737 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 2737, which proposes to increase the display permit fee from \$110 to \$150 and the fine for certain fireworks violations from \$2,000 per violation to \$5,000 per violation. It also clarifies that each aerial device, fireworks display, or articles pyrotechnic having a total weight of 25 pounds or less that is illegally imported, transferred, or sold constitutes a separate violation and increases the penalty for removing or extracting the pyrotechnic contents.

This permit authorizes licensed pyrotechnicians to conduct outdoor aerial and indoor fireworks displays at special events. The permit fee has remained the same for 15 years; however, administrative costs to process, review, and approve have increased. This includes an on-site verification of fireworks inventory before and after the event, inspection of pyrotechnic equipment, evaluation of the firing site and safety precautions, distance to audiences, proximity to adjacent structures, nearby combustible vegetation, and weather conditions are some of the items reviewed. Furthermore, the illegal fireworks task force established by Act 170, Session Laws of Hawaii 2010, recommended that the legislature consider increasing fireworks permit fees and violation fines to deter the use of illegal fireworks.

Public safety and property protection are priorities for the HFD's approval of fireworks permits. The SFC and the HFD support any fireworks legislation that strengthens existing enforcement efforts and penalties and urge your committee's support on the passage of HB 2737.

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

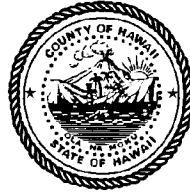
Sincerely,



MANUEL P. NEVES  
Chair

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**Harry Kim**  
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The Honorable Chris Lee, Chair  
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The House of Representatives  
State Capitol, Room 433  
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

Dear Chair Lee:

**Subject: H.B. 2737, RELATING TO FIREWORKS**  
**Hearing Date: Tuesday, February 11, 2020**  
**Time/Place of Hearing: 2:05 p.m., Conference Room 325**

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 support HB 2737, which proposes to increase the display permit fee from \$110 to \$150 and the fine for certain fireworks violations from \$2,000 per violation to \$5,000 per violation. It also clarifies that each aerial device, fireworks display, or articles pyrotechnic having a total weight of 25 pounds or less that is illegally imported, transferred, or sold constitutes a separate violation and increases the penalty for removing or extracting the pyrotechnic contents.

Each year, the abundance of illegal fireworks use is growing despite the measures we currently have in place. Funding to increase our ability to inspect and provide on-site fireworks inventory verification is one key area to deter the illegal use of fireworks.

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 2737.

Please do not hesitate to call me at 932-2903 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.

Respectfully,

DARREN J. ROSARIO  
Fire Chief

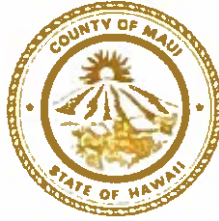




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State Capitol, Room 433  
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Dear Chair Lee:

Subject: House Bill (HB) 2737 Relating to Fireworks

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 2737, which proposes to increase the display permit fee from \$110 to \$150 and the fine for certain fireworks violations from \$2,000 per violation to \$5,000 per violation. It also clarifies that each aerial device, fireworks display, or articles pyrotechnic having a total weight of 25 pounds or less that is illegally imported, transferred, or sold constitutes a separate violation and increases the penalty for removing or extracting the pyrotechnic contents.

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Public safety and property protection are priorities for the MFD's approval of fireworks permits. The SFC and the MFD support any fireworks legislation that strengthens existing enforcement efforts and penalties and urge your committee's support on the passage of HB 2737.

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "D.C. Thyne".

DAVID C. THYNE  
Fire Chief

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Submitted on: 2/8/2020 3:06:06 PM

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Karin Nomura	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Gerard Silva	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

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