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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) 153 Relating to Permit Fees for Aerial Devices, Display Fireworks, and Articles Pyrotechnic

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 153, which proposes to increase the display permit fee from \$110 to \$300.

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.

Public safety and property protection are priorities for the HFD's approval of fireworks permits. The SFC and the HFD urge your committee's support on the passage of SB 153.

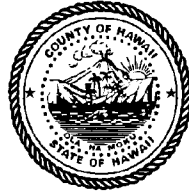
Should you have questions, please contact SFC Administrative Specialist Lloyd Rogers at 723-7176 or lrogers@honolulu.gov.

Sincerely,

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The Honorable Clarence Nishihara, Chair
Committee on Public Safety, Intergovernmental,
and Military Affairs
The State Senate
State Capitol, Room 414
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

Dear Chair Nishihara:

**Subject: S.B. 153, RELATING TO PERMIT FEES FOR AERIAL DEVICES,
DISPLAY FIREWORKS, AND ARTICLES PYROTECHNIC**
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 supports SB 153, which proposes to increase the display permit fee from \$110 to \$300.

The permit fee authorizing licensed pyrotechnicians to conduct outdoor aerial and indoor fireworks displays at special events has remained the same for 15 years. Unfortunately, the administrative costs to process, review, and approve have increased. This includes, but is not limited to, 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.

Public safety and property protection are priorities for the HFD's approval of fireworks permits. The SFC and the HCFD urge your committee's support on the passage of SB 153.

Please do not hesitate to call me at 932-2901 or darren.rosario@hawaiicounty.gov should you have any questions. Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in support of SB 153.

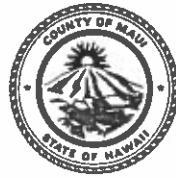
Respectfully,

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

DARREN J. ROSARIO
Fire Chief



MICHAEL VICTORINO
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DAVID THYNE
FIRE CHIEF

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The State Senate
State Capitol, Room 214
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Chair Nishihara:

Subject: Senate Bill (SB) 153 Relating to Permit Fees for Aerial Devices, Display Fireworks, and Articles Pyrotechnic

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 153, which proposes to increase the display permit fee from \$110 to \$300.

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.

Public safety and property protection are priorities for the MFD's approval of fireworks permits. The SFC and the MFD urge your committee's support on the passage of SB 153.

The Honorable Clarence Nishihara, Chair
February 8, 2019

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

Sincerely,



DAVID C. THYNE
Fire Chief

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KAUA'I FIRE DEPARTMENT
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The Honorable Clarence K. Nishihara, Chair
Committee on Public Safety, Intergovernmental
and Military Affairs
State Capitol, Room 214
Honolulu, HI 96813

Aloha Chair Nishihara:

Subject: Senate Bill (SB) 153 Relating to Permit Fees for Aerial Devices, Display Fireworks,
and Articles Pyrotechnic (Companion Bill HB 500)

I am Kilipaki Vaughan, Deputy Fire Chief of the Kauai Fire Department (KFD). The KFD supports SB 153, which proposes to increase the display permit fee from \$110 to \$300.

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.

Public safety and property protection are priorities for the KFD's approval of fireworks permits. The KFD urge your committee's support on the passage of SB 153.

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

Ke aloha nui,

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





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MIKE MCCARTNEY
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Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism

before the

**SENATE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY, INTERGOVERNMENTAL, AND
MILITARY AFFAIRS**

Tuesday, February 12, 2019

1:15 PM

State Capitol, Conference Room 229

In consideration of

SB 153

**RELATING TO PERMIT FEES FOR AERIAL DEVICES, DISPLAY FIREWORKS, AND
ARTICLES PYROTECHNIC.**

Chair Nishihara, Vice Chair Wakai, and members of the Committee. The Department of Business, Economic Development and Tourism (DBEDT) **supports** SB 153 which provides for an increase in the existing fireworks display permit fee from \$110 to \$300.

This fee has not been increased in 16 years and would assist with the administrative costs for review and processing of the fireworks display permit. The film industry often utilizes pyrotechnics as part of special effects and stunts for feature films and television shows. The department believes this increase in the fireworks display permit fee would not be a hardship on film and television productions.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.