



DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & TOURISM

DAVID Y. IGE
GOVERNOR

MIKE MCCARTNEY
DIRECTOR

No. 1 Capitol District Building, 250 South Hotel Street, 5th Floor, Honolulu, Hawaii 96813
Mailing Address: P.O. Box 2359, Honolulu, Hawaii 96804
Web site: www.hawaii.gov/dbedt

Telephone: (808) 586-2355
Fax: (808) 586-2377

Statement of
MIKE MCCARTNEY
Director

Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism
before the

**SENATE COMMITTEES ON PUBLIC SAFETY, INTERGOVERNMENTAL, AND
MILITARY AFFAIRS AND
ENERGY, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, AND TOURISM**

Wednesday, February 6, 2019

2:45 PM

State Capitol, Conference Room 414

In consideration of

SB 154
RELATING TO FIREWORKS.

Chairs Nishihara and Wakai, Vice Chairs Wakai and Taniguchi, and members of the Committee.

The Department of Business, Economic Development and Tourism (DBEDT) supports SB154 which authorizes the use of fireworks for film and theatrical productions and for testing, disposal, and destruction of illegal or unwanted fireworks by law enforcement.

This bill would allow film productions to use consumer fireworks, aerial devices, display fireworks or articles pyrotechnics during a special effects scene in a safe and monitored environment by allowing film productions an exemption to the General Prohibitions in §132D-5.

The film industry often utilizes pyrotechnics as part of special effects and stunts. When Legendary Entertainment filmed *Godzilla vs. Kong* and Universal Pictures produced *Jurassic World: Fallen Kingdom* in Hawaii - pyrotechnics was an essential part of the making of both films. The ongoing TV Series *Hawaii 5-0* and *Magnum P.I.* often use pyrotechnics – creating an exciting array of action packed story telling. These and other productions do these operations precisely and carefully to ensure the safety of the public, crew and cast.

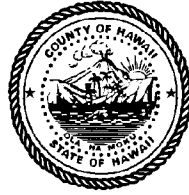
We respectfully ask for a change on p. 2, line 9:

“film movie, television or theatrical production for which for which a valid permit...”

“Movie” and “television production” are already defined in §132D-2 and this change would keep the language consistent.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Harry Kim
Mayor



Darren J. Rosario
Fire Chief

Lance S. Uchida
Deputy Fire Chief

County of Hawai'i
HAWAI'I FIRE DEPARTMENT
25 Aupuni Street • Suite 2501 • Hilo, Hawai'i 96720
(808) 932-2900 • Fax (808) 932-2928

February 5, 2019

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. 154, RELATING TO FIREWORKS
Hearing Date: Wednesday, February 6, 2019
Time/Place of Hearing: 2:45 p.m., Conference Room 414

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 154, which proposes to add two exceptions to the current statute that would allow fireworks to be used in movie or theatrical productions and authorize law enforcement agencies to test, dispose, or destroy confiscated fireworks with a permit.

The protection of life and property is a fire department's primary role. The use of fireworks, when handled improperly, exposes the public to potentially hazardous conditions. The ability for the fire department to monitor and regulate hazardous activities involving fireworks will greatly improve the safety of our general public. The fire department can achieve this by requiring the movie and theatrical production industry to obtain a fireworks permit.

Furthermore, in order to be more efficient in the elimination of fireworks danger to the general public we support the providing of an exception to the fireworks permit requirement for law enforcement agencies to test, dispose, or destroy confiscated fireworks.

The SFC and the HCFD urges your committee's support on the passage of SB 154.

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 154.

Respectfully,

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

DARREN J. ROSARIO
Fire Chief



DAVID Y. IGE
GOVERNOR

JOSH GREEN
LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR



LEONARD HOSHIJO
DIRECTOR

LOIS IYOMASA
DEPUTY DIRECTOR

STATE OF HAWAII
DEPARTMENT OF LABOR AND INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS
830 PUNCHBOWL STREET, ROOM 321
HONOLULU, HAWAII 96813
www.labor.hawaii.gov
Phone: (808) 586-8844 / Fax: (808) 586-9099
Email: dliir.director@hawaii.gov

February 4, 2019

The Honorable Clarence Nishihara, Chair
Committee on Public Safety, Intergovernmental,
and Military Affairs
The State Senate
State Capitol, Room 219
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Chair Nishihara:

Subject: Senate Bill (SB) 154 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 SB 154, which proposes to add two exceptions to the current statute that would allow fireworks to be used in movie or theatrical productions and authorize law enforcement agencies to test, dispose, or destroy confiscated fireworks with a permit.

Public safety and property protection are primary goals for county fire departments' fireworks permit approval process. Requiring the movie and theatrical production industry to obtain a fireworks permit would improve the capability for county fire departments to monitor and regulate potentially hazardous activities involving fireworks.

Providing an exception to the fireworks permit requirement for law enforcement agencies to test, dispose, or destroy confiscated fireworks should streamline the procedure for law enforcement to eliminate potentially hazardous fireworks from the community.

The SFC and the HFD urge your committee's support on the passage of SB 154.

The Honorable Clarence Nishihara, Chair
Page 2
February 4, 2019

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

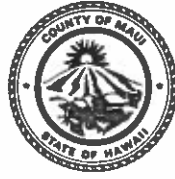
Sincerely,



MANUEL P. NEVES
Chair

MPN/LR:clc

MICHAEL VICTORINO
MAYOR



DAVID THYNE
FIRE CHIEF

BRADFORD VENTURA
DEPUTY FIRE CHIEF

COUNTY OF MAUI
DEPARTMENT OF FIRE & PUBLIC SAFETY

200 DAIRY ROAD
KAHULUI, HI 96732
PHONE: (808) 270-7561
FAX: (808) 270-7919

February 5, 2019

The Honorable Clarence Nishihara, Chair
Committee on Public Safety, Intergovernmental,
and Military Affairs
The State Senate
State Capitol, Room 219
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Chair Nishihara:

Subject: Senate Bill (SB) 154 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 SB 154, which proposes to add two exceptions to the current statute that would allow fireworks to be used in movie or theatrical productions and authorize law enforcement agencies to test, dispose, or destroy confiscated fireworks with a permit.

Public safety and property protection are primary goals for county fire departments' fireworks permit approval process. Requiring the movie and theatrical production industry to obtain a fireworks permit would improve the capability for county fire departments to monitor and regulate potentially hazardous activities involving fireworks.

Providing an exception to the fireworks permit requirement for law enforcement agencies to test, dispose, or destroy confiscated fireworks should streamline the procedure for law enforcement to eliminate potentially hazardous fireworks from the community.

The SFC and the MFD urge your committee's support on the passage of SB 154.

The Honorable Clarence Nishihara, Chair
Page 2
February 5, 2019

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

Sincerely,

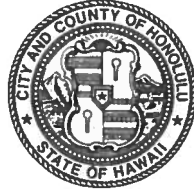
A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "D.C. Thyne", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

DAVID C. THYNE
Fire Chief

DCT/LR:clc

POLICE DEPARTMENT
CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU

801 SOUTH BERETANIA STREET · HONOLULU, HAWAII 96813
TELEPHONE: (808) 529-3111 · INTERNET: www.honolulu-pd.org



KIRK CALDWELL
MAYOR

SUSAN BALLARD
CHIEF

JOHN D. MCCARTHY
JONATHON GREMS
DEPUTY CHIEFS

OUR REFERENCE DC-SAI

February 6, 2019

The Honorable Clarence K. Nishihara, Chair
and Members
Committee on Public Safety, Intergovernmental,
and Military Affairs
The Honorable Glenn Wakai, Chair
and Members
Committee on Energy, Economic Development,
and Tourism
State Senate
Hawaii State Capitol
415 South Beretania Street, Room 414
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Chairs Nishihara and Wakai and Members:

SUBJECT: Senate Bill No. 154, Relating to Fireworks

I am Major Darren Chun of District 8 (Ewa/Kapolei/Waianae) of the Honolulu Police Department (HPD), City and County of Honolulu.

The HPD supports House Bill No. 154, Relating to Fireworks. This proposed bill creates a statewide restriction of consumer fireworks with the exception of special events to be inclusive of a film or theatrical production for which a valid permit has been obtained.

A concern the HPD has is regarding the disposal of "unwanted" fireworks. The storage and disposal of fireworks, which are categorized as explosives, are extremely dangerous and needs to be done under strict protocols. The disposal of fireworks is a time consuming and costly event as it is considered hazardous material once it has been labeled for destruction and needs to be disposed of under strict Environmental Protection Agency protocols by trained technicians or licensed vendors.

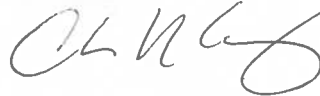
The Honorable Clarence K. Nishihara, Chair
and Members
The Honorable Glenn Wakai, Chair
and Members
February 6, 2019
Page 2

Currently, the HPD does not have any additional space or containers to properly and safely store any "unwanted" fireworks. The disposal of "unwanted" fireworks should be the responsibility of the entity to which the permit was issued to, or the City would need to contract a licensed vendor to accept, store, and then properly dispose of the "unwanted" fireworks.

The HPD respectfully supports Senate Bill No. 154, Relating to Fireworks.

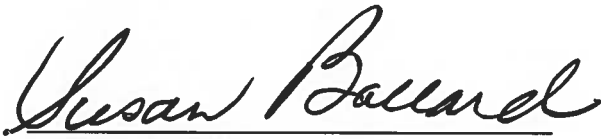
Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Sincerely,



for Darren Chun, Major
District 8

APPROVED:



Susan Ballard
Chief of Police