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February 24, 2020

The Honorable Karl Rhoads Chair
Committee on Judiciary
The State Senate
State Capitol, Room 204
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Chair Rhoads:

Subject: Senate Bill (SB) 2136 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 support SB 2136, which seeks to require sellers of residential real property to provide working smoke alarms in the building.

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 SB 2136.

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

Sincerely,



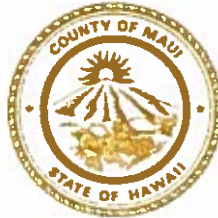
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Dear Chair Rhoads:

Subject: State Bill (SB) 2136 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 2136 which seeks to require sellers of residential real property to provide working smoke alarms in the building.

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Life safety are priorities of the SFC and the MFD, and we urge your committee's support on the passage of SB 2136.

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

Sincerely,

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

DAVID C. THYNE
Fire Chief



KAUA'I FIRE DEPARTMENT
THE COUNTY OF KAUA'I

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ROBERT F. WESTERMAN
FIRE CHIEF

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

Before the
Senate Committee on Judiciary
February 24, 2020; 12:15 pm
Conference Room 016

In consideration of
Senate Bill 2136
Relating to Public Safety

Honorable Chair Rhoads, Vice Chair Keohokalole, and Members of the Committee:
The State Fire Council (SFC) and the Kaua'i Fire Department (KFD) **support** SB 2136, which seeks to require sellers of residential real property to provide working smoke alarms in the building.

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Life safety are priorities for the SFC and the KFD, and we urge your committees' **support** on the passage of SB 2136.

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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