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February 6, 2020

The Honorable Rosalyn Baker Chair
Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection,
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The State Senate
State Capitol, Room 230
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

The Honorable Clarence Nishihara Chair
Committee on Public Safety, Intergovernmental,
and Military Affairs
The State Senate
State Capitol, Room 214
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Chairs Baker and Nishihara:

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 committees' support on the passage of SB 2136.

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

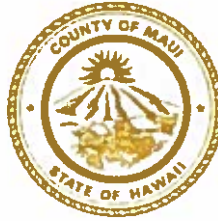
Sincerely,

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MANUEL P. NEVES
Chair

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Dear Chairs Baker and Nishihara:

Subject: Senate 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 strongly supports SB 2136, which seeks to require owners who sell their homes to have working smoke alarms present.

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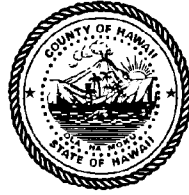
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Sincerely,

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DAVID C. THYNE
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Dear Chairs Baker and Nishihara:

Subject: S.B. 2136, RELATING TO PUBLIC SAFETY
Hearing Date: Monday, February 10, 2020
Time/Place of Hearing: 9:30 a.m., Conference Room 229

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 strongly supports HB 1762, which seeks to require owners who sell their homes to have working smoke alarms present.

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 SB 2136.

Please do not hesitate to call me at 932-2903 or darren.rosario@hawaiicounty.gov should you have any questions. Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in support.

Respectfully,

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DARREN J. ROSARIO
Fire Chief





**KAUA'I FIRE DEPARTMENT
THE COUNTY OF KAUA'I**

**DEREK S. K. KAWAKAMI, MAYOR
MICHAEL A. DAHLIG, MANAGING DIRECTOR**

**ROBERT F. WESTERMAN
FIRE CHIEF**

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

Before the
Senate Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection and Health
Senate Committee on Public Safety, Intergovernmental and Military Affairs
February 10, 2020; 9:30 am
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In consideration of
Senate Bill 2136
Relating to Public Safety

Honorable Chairs Baker and Nishihara, and Members of the Committees:

The State Fire Council (SFC) and the Kaua'i Fire Department (KFD) **support** SB 2136, which seeks to require owners who sell their homes to have working smoke alarms present.

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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

RFW/DD:st



February 5 2020

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SB 2136

RELATING TO PUBLIC SAFETY.

Requires the sellers of residential real property to provide smoke alarms in the building.

This testimony is in SUPPORT of this Bill. Every dwelling where people live should have operating smoke alarms. Some home buyers have enjoyed a landlord who provided them for them and don't think about installing them in the house they are purchasing. Smoke alarms are such an important safety aspect that all habitable dwellings should have them. Therefore, if a home is being sold, the seller should test or replace or provide anew, smoke alarms.

Having a law in place will alert Realtors to ensure that there is a form in their package that attests to this as they do in other States where it is already law. This Bill just brings Hawaii in line with many other States.

Thank you.

Michael Ferreira
Broker In Charge, Realtor
Estate.com Real Estate

SB-2136

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Testimony for PSM on 2/10/2020 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
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