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February 22, 2021

The Honorable Sylvia Luke, Chair
Committee on Finance
House of Representatives
State Capitol, Room 306
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Chair Luke:

Subject: House Bill (HB) 1245, House Draft (HD) 2 Relating to Fireworks Infractions

I am Manuel P. Neves, Chair of the State Fire Council (SFC). The SFC supports HB 1245, HD 2, which proposes to expeditiously adjudicate fireworks violators arrested and charged, including juveniles.

The SFC fully supports efforts to streamline cases related to fireworks. This may benefit law enforcement in their efforts to arrest fireworks violators, knowing that those cases will not be prolonged in the judicial system. The widespread use of fireworks endangers the public, not only when it is being used, but also when it is transported throughout the state. Deaths and serious injuries have occurred along with property damage. Neighborhoods are impacted by noise and pollution, veterans are reminded of combat conditions, and animals are traumatized for weeks and sometimes months preceding these holiday celebrations. Subjecting violators to higher penalties may serve as a better deterrent to the illegal use of fireworks.

The general welfare, public safety, and property protection are priorities for the SFC, and we respectfully request your committee's passage of HB 1245, HD 2.

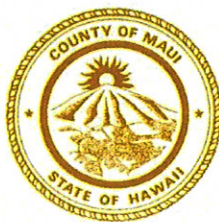
Should you have questions, please contact SFC Administrative Specialist Lloyd Rogers at 723-7176 or lrogers@honolulu.gov.

Sincerely,

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Sincerely,

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

DAVID C. THYNE
Fire Chief



Hawaiian Humane Society

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Date: Feb. 22, 2021

To: Chair Rep. Sylvia Luke
Vice Chair Rep. Ty Cullen
and Members of the Committee on Finance

Submitted By: Stephanie Kendrick, Public Policy Advocate
Hawaiian Humane Society, 808-356-2217

RE: Testimony in support of HB 508: Relating to Fireworks
Wednesday, Feb. 24, 2021, 2 p.m., Capitol Room 308

Aloha Chair Luke, Vice Chair Cullen and Committee Members,

On behalf of the Hawaiian Humane Society, thank you for considering our support for House Bill 508, HD1, which Increases the fines associated with the illegal use of consumer fireworks and display fireworks, articles pyrotechnic, and aerial devices outside of the times permitted by law.

Hawaiian Humane supports any attempt to remove fireworks from residential neighborhoods, to increase penalties, and to enhance enforcement. At what should be joyous times for local families, illegal fireworks fill our neighborhoods with unexpected explosions that terrorize pets and people alike. Making matters worse, these bombs increasingly go off for weeks at a time.

Animals who flee their homes in fear are at enormous risk of injury and death. Good Samaritans often bring deceased pets to the Hawaiian Humane Society with the goal of providing closure to their owners. That number averages 1-2 a day. Between New Year's Day and Jan. 2 the number spikes. This year we received 13 deceased animals within that timeframe, last year 14 and in 2019 seven. Even when families keep their pets safely indoors, the loud noises fireworks produce cause fear, anxiety and stress in animals. This anxiety can do lasting damage to a pet's emotional and physical health. Neither people nor animals should have to take tranquilizers just to survive the impacts of illegal behavior by their neighbors.

We urge the committee to restore peace and safety to our neighborhoods and leave fireworks displays to the professionals. Mahalo for your consideration.



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HB-1245-HD-2

Submitted on: 2/22/2021 3:43:28 PM

Testimony for FIN on 2/24/2021 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
lynne matusow	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

in full support.

HB-1245-HD-2

Submitted on: 2/22/2021 5:34:28 PM

Testimony for FIN on 2/24/2021 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Andrea Quinn	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Dear Honorable Committee Members,

Please support HB1245. We need to be more self-sustaining here in Hawaii and this is a good way to do that.

Thank you,

Andrea Quinn