



*The Judiciary, State of Hawai'i*

**Testimony to the Thirty-First State Legislature, 2021 Session**

**Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce**

Representative Aaron Ling Johanson, Chair

Representative Lisa Kitagawa, Vice Chair

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State Capitol, Conference Room 329  
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**Bill No. and Title:** House Bill No. 1245 – Relating to Fireworks Infractions

**Purpose:** Establishes an expeditious adjudication system for the processing of fireworks infractions.

**Judiciary's Position:**

The Judiciary takes NO POSITION on this measure. The Judiciary notes that this bill, like several other pending bills, creates a new category of citations that would allow persons cited to pay fines online without appearing in court. However, in order to implement HB1245 as written, the Judiciary will need to create a new code in the Judiciary Information Management System (JIMS). Creating the new code will require development, testing and other system changes that will require an appropriation of approximately \$40,000 to accomplish this new code development.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.

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February 8, 2021

The Honorable Aaron Ling Johanson, Chair  
Committee on Consumer Protection  
and Commerce  
House of Representatives  
State Capitol, Room 436  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Chair Johanson:

Subject: House Bill (HB) 1245 Relating to Fireworks Infractions

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 HB 1245, which proposes to expeditiously adjudicate fireworks violators arrested and charged, including juveniles.

The SFC and the HFD fully support 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 the HFD, and we respectfully request your committee's passage of HB 1245.

The Honorable Aaron Ling Johanson, Chair  
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Should you have questions, please contact SFC Administrative Specialist Lloyd Rogers at 723-7176 or [lrogers@honolulu.gov](mailto:lrogers@honolulu.gov).

Sincerely,



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Chair

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**HB-1245**

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Testimony for CPC on 2/9/2021 2:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
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Comments:

in full support.

**HB-1245**

Submitted on: 2/8/2021 10:05:07 AM

Testimony for CPC on 2/9/2021 2:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
judy bishop	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Please pass this bill to expeditiously adjudicate fireworks infractions! These fireworks are so harmful to people both emotionally and medically. Why allow fun for a few people while inflicting pain and anguish on so many many more? Please stop these deadly air and noise polluting emotional and medically damaging fireworks and adjudicate them immediately to prevent them !