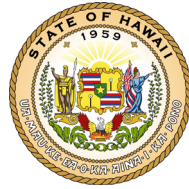


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February 4, 2022

The Honorable Nadine Nakamura, Chair
Committee on Housing
House of Representatives
State Capitol, Room 442
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Chair Nakamura:

Subject: House Bill (HB) 1478 Relating to Public Safety

I am Steven Goble, Chair of the State Fire Council (SFC). The SFC strongly supports HB 1478, which seeks to require sellers of residential real property to provide working smoke alarms in the building.

Smoke alarms are a simple, low cost, and proven solution which saves lives in residential structures should a fire occur. 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.

The SFC strongly urges your committees' support on the passage of HB 1478.

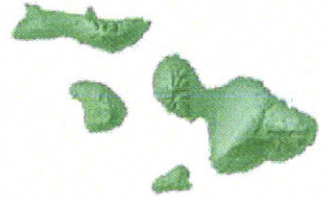
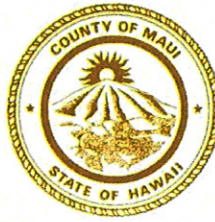
Should you have questions, please contact SFC Administrative Specialist Gary Lum at 723-7169 or glum@honolulu.gov.

Sincerely,

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Dear Chair Nakamura:

SUBJECT: HOUSE BILL (HB) 1478 RELATING TO PUBLIC SAFETY

I am Bradford Ventura, member of the State Fire Council (SFC) and Fire Chief of the Maui Fire Department. The SFC strongly supports HB 1478, which seeks to require sellers of residential structures to provide working smoke alarms in the structure in accordance with current state or county building or residential codes.

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If you have any questions, please contact SFC Administrative Specialist Gary Lum at (808) 723-7169 or glum@honolulu.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Brad Ventura".

BRADFORD K. VENTURA
Fire Chief

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Dear Chair Nakamura:

Subject: House Bill (HB) 1478 Relating to Public Safety

My name is Sheldon K. Hao, Fire Chief of the Honolulu Fire Department (HFD). The HFD strongly supports HB 1478, which seeks to require sellers of residential structures to provide working smoke alarms in the structure in accordance with current state or county building or residential codes.

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Sincerely,

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SHELDON K. HAO
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February 8, 2022

The Honorable Nadine K. Nakamura, Chair

House Committee on Housing

Via Videoconference

RE: H.B. 1478, Relating to Public Safety

HEARING: Tuesday, February 8, 2022, at 9:30 a.m.

Aloha Chair Nakamura, Vice Chair Hashimoto, and Members of the Committee,

I am Ken Hiraki, Director of Government Affairs, testifying on behalf of the Hawai'i Association of REALTORS® ("HAR"), the voice of real estate in Hawai'i, and its over 10,800 members. HAR **opposes** H.B. 21478, which requires sellers of residential buildings or structures to equip approved smoke alarms in accordance with current state or county building or residential codes.

Hawai'i REALTORS® believes that this measure is unnecessary as home inspectors already check that smoke alarms are equipped and working as part of the inspection process.

Furthermore, this measure could add delays to a real estate transaction, especially if each county Fire Department has to enforce this measure.

Mahalo for the opportunity to testify.

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**HOUSE COMMITTEE ON HOUSING
State Capitol, Via Videoconference
415 South Beretania Street
9:30 AM**

February 8, 2022

RE: HB 1478, RELATING TO PUBLIC SAFETY

Chair Nakamura, Vice Chair Hashimoto, and members of the committee:

My name is Daryl Takamiya, 2022 President of the Building Industry Association of Hawaii (BIA-Hawaii). Chartered in 1955, the Building Industry Association of Hawaii is a professional trade organization affiliated with the National Association of Home Builders, representing the building industry and its associates. BIA-Hawaii takes a leadership role in unifying and promoting the interests of the industry to enhance the quality of life for the people of Hawaii. Our members build the communities we all call home.

BIA-Hawaii is in support of SB 1478, Relating to Public Safety. This bill would require sellers of residential buildings and structures to equip approved smoke detectors in accordance with current building codes.

Smoke detectors are a vital part of health and safety equipment in any residential structure. This bill would place the responsibility of ensuring that proper smoke detectors are installed in a structure upon its sale. We would agree that this is appropriate to place in statute.

Thank you for the opportunity to share our concerns.