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January 25, 2022

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

Dear Chair Baker:

Subject: Senate Bill (SB) 2011 Relating to Public Safety

I am Steven Goble, Vice Chair of the State Fire Council (SFC). The SFC strongly supports SB 2011, 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 occupants time to escape. Today's smoke alarms are more technologically advanced to respond to a multitude of fire conditions and come with tenyear batteries.

The SFC strongly urges your committees' support on the passage of SB 2011.

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 Baker:

SUBJECT: SENATE BILL (SB) 2011 RELATING TO PUBLIC SAFETY

I am Bradford K. Ventura, member of the State Fire Council (SFC) and Fire Chief of the Maui Fire Department (MFD). The SFC strongly supports SB 2011, which seeks to require sellers of residential real property to provide working smoke alarms in the building.

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Dear Chair Baker:

Subject: Senate Bill (SB) 2011 Relating to Public Safety

My name is Sheldon K. Hao, Fire Chief of the Honolulu Fire Department (HFD). The HFD strongly supports SB 2011, which seeks to require sellers of residential real property to provide working smoke alarms in the building.

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Should you have questions, please contact me at 808-723-7101 or shao@honolulu.gov.

Sincerely,

for SHELDON K. HAO Fire Chief

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