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TESTIMONY BY CRAIG K. HIRAI
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TO THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON CONSUMER PROTECTION & COMMERCE
ON
SENATE BILL NO. 2185, S.D. 3

March 17, 2022
2:00 p.m.
Room 329 and Videoconference

RELATING TO FIREWORKS

The Department of Budget and Finance (B&F) offers comments on this bill.

Senate Bill No. 2185, S.D. 3, requires the auditor of fireworks and articles pyrotechnic records to provide an annual report to the Legislature detailing inventory, recordkeeping, and sales of fireworks to license or permit holders. This measure also makes an unspecified general fund grant-in-aid to the counties to cover reporting costs.

B&F notes that, with respect to the general fund appropriation in this bill, the federal Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act requires that states receiving Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ESSER) II funds and Governor's Emergency Education Relief II funds must maintain state support for:

- Elementary and secondary education in FY 22 at least at the proportional level of the state's support for elementary and secondary education relative to the state's overall spending, averaged over FYs 17, 18 and 19; and
- Higher education in FY 22 at least at the proportional level of the state's support for higher education relative to the state's overall spending, averaged over FYs 17, 18 and 19.

Further, the federal American Rescue Plan (ARP) Act requires that states receiving ARP ESSER funds must maintain state support for:

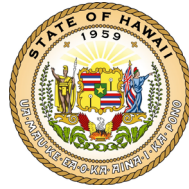
- Elementary and secondary education in FY 22 and FY 23 at least at the proportional level of the state's support for elementary and secondary education relative to the state's overall spending, averaged over FYs 17, 18 and 19; and
- Higher education in FY 22 and FY 23 at least at the proportional level of the state's support for higher education relative to the state's overall spending, averaged over FYs 17, 18 and 19.

The U.S. Department of Education has issued rules governing how these maintenance of effort (MOE) requirements are to be administered. B&F will be working with the money committees of the Legislature to ensure that the State of Hawai'i complies with these ESSER MOE requirements.

Thank you for your consideration of our comments.

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March 16, 2022

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: Senate Bill (SB) 2185, Senate Draft (SD) 3 Relating to Fireworks

I am Steven Goble, Chair of the Hawaii State Fire Council (SFC). The SFC supports SB 2185, SD 3, which requires the auditor of fireworks and articles pyrotechnic records for each county fire department to submit an annual report to the Legislature detailing inventory, recordkeeping, and sales of fireworks to license or permit holders. It also makes a grant-in-aid to the counties to cover costs associated with reporting the information to the Legislature

The SFC believes the consumer use of illegal fireworks in Hawaii continues on a dangerous and increasingly upward trajectory. The SFC agrees to the reporting requirements SB 2185, SD 3, to increase surveillance of fireworks and articles pyrotechnic with the ultimate goal of reducing the use legal and illegal fireworks throughout communities in Hawaii.

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

Sincerely,

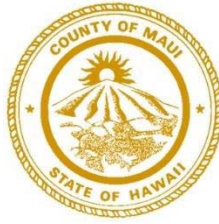
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House of Representatives
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Dear Chair Johanson:

**SUBJECT: SENATE BILL (SB) 2185, Senate Draft (SD) 3, RELATING TO
FIREWORKS**

I am Bradford K. Ventura, member of the Hawaii State Fire Council (SFC) and Fire Chief of the Maui Fire Department (MFD). The SFC supports SB 2185, SD 3, which requires the auditor of fireworks and articles pyrotechnic records for each county fire department to submit an annual report to the Legislature detailing inventory, recordkeeping, and sales of fireworks to license or permit holders. It also makes a grant-in-aid to the counties to cover costs associated with reporting the information to the Legislature.

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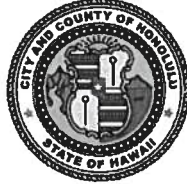
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BRADFORD K. VENTURA
Fire Chief

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Dear Chair Johanson:

Subject: Senate Bill (SB) 2185, Senate Draft (SD) 3 Relating to Fireworks

My name is Sheldon K. Hao, Fire Chief of the Honolulu Fire Department (HFD). The HFD supports SB 2185, SD 3, which requires the auditor of fireworks and articles pyrotechnic records for each county fire department to submit an annual report to the legislature detailing inventory, recordkeeping, and sales of fireworks to license or permit holders. It also makes a grant-in-aid to the counties to cover costs associated with reporting the information to the legislature.

The HFD believes the consumer use of illegal fireworks in Hawaii continues on a dangerous and increasingly upward trajectory. The HFD agrees to the reporting requirements set forth in SB 2185, SD 3 to increase the surveillance of fireworks and articles pyrotechnic with the ultimate goal of reducing the use of legal and illegal fireworks throughout communities in Hawaii.

Should you have questions, please contact Administrative Specialist Gary Lum at 808-723-7169 or glum@honolulu.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Sheldon K. Hao".

SHELDON K. HAO
Fire Chief

SKH/GL:cn

SB-2185-SD-3

Submitted on: 3/15/2022 3:08:08 PM

Testimony for CPC on 3/17/2022 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Lois Crozer	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support this bill if it is intended to control the use of fireworks. They are out of hand and are totally unnecessary and not a part of the Hawaiian culture. They tramatize too many.

SB-2185-SD-3

Submitted on: 3/15/2022 4:55:46 PM

Testimony for CPC on 3/17/2022 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Samuel M Mitchell	Individual	Support	Remotely Via Zoom

Comments:

I fully support SD2185 SD3 Because it gives away to inventory how many fireworks are coming into Hawaii.

Samuel Mitchell (Member Makiki NB-10 & Nextdoor Stop all illegal Fireworks Group)

SB-2185-SD-3

Submitted on: 3/16/2022 12:06:58 PM

Testimony for CPC on 3/17/2022 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Beverly Heiser	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support SB2185 SD3. I would appreciate any bill that would help reduce or stop fireworks from illegally entering the state.

SB-2185-SD-3

Submitted on: 3/16/2022 1:59:09 PM

Testimony for CPC on 3/17/2022 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Maureen Andrade	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I am in support of this bill.

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SB-2185-SD-3

Submitted on: 3/16/2022 2:32:05 PM

Testimony for CPC on 3/17/2022 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Karen Klemme	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

SB2185, SB2923, SB3194.

As a private citizen and a retired registered nurse, I am in support of SB2185, SB2923, SB3194.

I have many concerns over the overwhelming use of “illegal” fireworks over the past Holiday season, where I reside in Kailua-Kona, between Thanksgiving and all the way past New Year’s Day and even on Super Bowl Sunday following the big game. The offenders did not hold back to the allotted time allowed by law.

This was prompted by own concern and also reading multiple social media posts that so many people were upset that I felt I needed to be the “voice” for the “voiceless”.

It is very apparent that there are “illegal” fireworks entering our Big Island community and the State of Hawaii, all islands. I am in support of the above Senate Bills especially SB 3194 which I read “Authorizes the Sheriff Division to enforce the fireworks control law. Requires the Attorney General to establish an explosion detection technology working group. Requires the Department of Public Safety to develop and implement a web-based reporting tool for illegal fireworks”.

I am also writing to you as a retired Registered Nurse over the mal effect on our health both physical (smoke issues - patients at home recovering from the covid virus and other chronic lung patients, traumatic amputated limbs, severe burns and patients who suffer from PTSD), the pollution of our land, air and water, and our poor 4 legged pets and their adverse reactions to fireworks.

I am in support of these bills to improve the public safety.

LATE

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Submitted on: 3/16/2022 8:55:24 PM

Testimony for CPC on 3/17/2022 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Gerard Silva	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Wast of Time and Money that could be used for more important things Like investagations into Crimes of the Legeslators like those to Senators that were just Cought getting Paid to put in Bills and then Kill them. Looks like a lot of Corruption In the Government!!