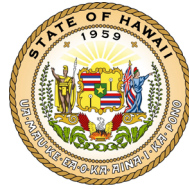


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February 22, 2022

The Honorable Donovan Dela Cruz, Chair
Committee on Ways and Means
The State Senate
State Capitol, Room 208
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Chair Dela Cruz:

Subject: Senate Bill (SB) 2923 Relating to Fireworks

I am Steven Goble, Chair of the Hawaii State Fire Council (SFC). The SFC supports SB 2923, which increases the maximum fine that may be assessed per fireworks-related violation from \$2,000 to \$5,000, provided that the fireworks violation does not otherwise have a specific penalty enumerated in statute.

There is a general sense that the use of illegal fireworks and improvised explosive devices have substantially increased in recent years. A search of youtube.com using the term "aerial fireworks Hawaii New Years" reveals pervasive use of illegal fireworks in many neighborhoods. As a consequence, serious injuries, property damage, and fatalities have occurred.

The illegal fireworks task force established by Act 170, Session Laws of Hawaii 2010, recommended that the legislature consider increasing fireworks violation fines to deter the use of illegal fireworks. The general welfare, public safety, and property protection are priorities for the SFC and we respectfully request your committee's passage of SB 2923.

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

Sincerely,

STEVEN GOBLE
Chair

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My name is Sheldon K. Hao, Fire Chief of the Honolulu Fire Department (HFD). The HFD supports SB 2923, which increases the maximum fine that may be assessed per fireworks-related violation from \$2,000 to \$5,000, provided the fireworks violation does not otherwise have a specific penalty enumerated in statute.

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Sincerely,

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SHELDON K. HAO
Fire Chief

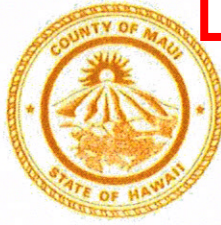
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Dear Chair Dela Cruz:

Subject: Senate Bill (SB) 2923 Relating to Fireworks

I am Bradford Ventura, member of the Hawaii State Fire Council (SFC) and Chief to the Maui Fire Department. The SFC supports SB 2923, which increases the maximum fine that may be assessed per fireworks-related violation from \$2,000 to \$5,000, provided that the fireworks violation does not otherwise have a specific penalty enumerated in statute.

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Sincerely,

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BRADFORD K. VENTURA

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Submitted on: 2/18/2022 8:22:16 PM

Testimony for WAM on 2/24/2022 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Ted Bohlen	Testifying for Hawai'i Reef and Ocean Coalition	Support	No

Comments:

STRONG SUPPORT! Higher penalties are needed to deter illegal fireworks use!

Fireworks fired over the water can harm marine life.

SB-2923

Submitted on: 2/18/2022 8:15:14 PM

Testimony for WAM on 2/24/2022 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Lynn Murakami Akatsuka	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

To Members of the Senate Committee on Ways and Means,

I strongly support the passage of SB 2923 to curtail the use of illegal fireworks in the community for the sake of the public health and safety of all Hawaii residents and visitors to Hawaii.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in strong support of SB 2923.

SB-2923

Submitted on: 2/19/2022 1:17:56 PM

Testimony for WAM on 2/24/2022 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Gerard Silva	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

If this happens we will be going afture all politicans and if they do not stand with us they will not be elected. Block Cain Voteing is comeing!!

SB-2923

Submitted on: 2/21/2022 6:49:37 PM

Testimony for WAM on 2/24/2022 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Ruta Jordans	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Fireworks should be eradicated from Hawaii. We are in a climate emergency. The urgency of removing any non-essential emitters of greenhouse gasses must be communicated to everyone. Fireworks emit large amounts of greenhouse gasses. Treat them like an invasive species and don't allow them to get into Hawaii!

SB-2923

Submitted on: 2/21/2022 9:17:45 PM

Testimony for WAM on 2/24/2022 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Johnnie-Mae L. Perry	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

SUPPORT SB 2923 RELATING TO FIREWORKS.

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SB-2923

Submitted on: 2/23/2022 12:01:38 PM

Testimony for WAM on 2/24/2022 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Beverly Heiser	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha Chair and Committee Members,

Please support SB2923.

I have joined a forum called STOP All (Illegal) Fireworks that was formed on a social networking service for neighborhoods called NextDoor. The group currently has 94 members.

My family does NOT do fireworks of any kind. Yet every New Year's day DEBRIS from ILLEGAL fireworks from New Year's Eve lay scattered over our entire yard. Some land on our roof and wash down our gutters. I have dogs and these debris contain TOXIC chemicals that can cause illness if ingested. Thus I spend hours cleaning up the mess.

These toxic chemicals that often contain heavy metals are being dispersed in our environment and pollute our air, water, and soil. They cause harm to people, pets, and wildlife.

The problem has increased over the years and is out of control. There is increased noise and life changing injuries. Tradition should not sound or look like a war zone.

I favor a TOTAL BAN on all types of fireworks, but at the least this type of ILLEGAL activity should be stopped.

Thank you for letting me testify. Please support SB2923.

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Submitted on: 2/23/2022 12:46:18 PM

Testimony for WAM on 2/24/2022 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Samuel Mitchell	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I support SB-2923 because it will increase the maximum fine to \$5000. This should help stop some of Hawaii's illegal skyrocket use.

Samuel Mitchell Makiki NB-10 & Nextdoor Pau Fireworks Now