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January 24, 2022

The Honorable Karl Rhoads, Chair
Committee on Judiciary
The State Senate
State Capitol, Room 204
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Chair Rhoads:

Subject: Senate Bill (SB) 449 Relating to Public Safety

I am Steven Goble, Vice Chair of the State Fire Council (SFC). The SFC strongly supports SB 449, which seeks to require sellers of residential real property to provide working smoke alarms in the building.

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 ten-year batteries.

The SFC strongly urges your committees' support on the passage of SB 449.

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

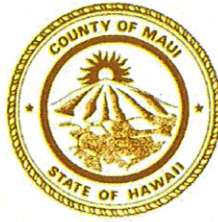
Sincerely,

STEVEN GOBLE
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DEPARTMENT OF FIRE & PUBLIC SAFETY

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January 24, 2022

The Honorable Karl Rhoads, Chair
Committee on Judiciary
State Senate
State Capitol, Room 204
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Chair Rhoads:

SUBJECT: SENATE BILL (SB) 449 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 449, which seeks to require sellers of residential real property to provide working smoke alarms in the building.

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Sincerely,

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

BRADFORD K. VENTURA
Fire Chief

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January 25, 2022

The Honorable Karl Rhoads, Chair
Committee on Judiciary
The State Senate
State Capitol, Room 204
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Chair Rhoads:

Subject: Senate Bill (SB) 449 Relating to Public Safety

My name is Sheldon K. Hao, Fire Chief of the Honolulu Fire Department (HFD). The HFD strongly supports SB 449, which seeks to require sellers of residential real property to provide working smoke alarms in the building.

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The HFD strongly urges your committee's support on the passage of SB 449.

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Sheldon K. Hao", is written over a horizontal line.

for SHELDON K. HAO
Fire Chief

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