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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Gerard Silva	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

You are just ripping the people off. The people are not going to take this Much longer.

Fireworks Has bin Tradition in Hawaii From be for I was Born. The people will have to fight back and starte removing any one who pushes this suff.

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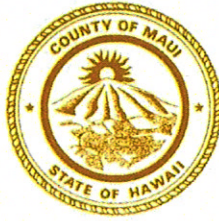
Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Lynn Murakami-Akatsuka	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I strongly support the passage of SB 513. Hopefully with the increase of fines for each violation, it will deter individuals from exploding illegal fireworks in their neighborhoods. I am glad that the bill appropriates funds to the Department of Public Safety and the Sherrif Division to enforce the fireworks control law.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in strong support for SB 513 passage.

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February 22, 2021

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

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

Dear Chair Rhoads and Dela Cruz:

Subject: Senate Bill (SB) 513 Relating to the Enforcement of Laws

I am David C. Thyne, member of the Hawaii State Fire Council (SFC) and Fire Chief of Maui Fire Department (MFD). The SFC supports SB 513, which proposes to increase fireworks display permit fees, increase fines for certain fireworks violations, require the Attorney General to establish an explosion detection technology working group, and require the Department of Public Safety to develop and implement a web-based fireworks reporting tool.

The SFC fully supports increased fines for fireworks violations and collaboration with other government agencies to reduce the use of fireworks by the general public. The widespread use of fireworks endangers the public, not only when it is being used, but also when it is transported throughout the state. Deaths and serious injuries have occurred along with property damage. Neighborhoods are impacted by noise and pollution, veterans are reminded of combat conditions, and animals are traumatized for weeks and sometimes months preceding these holiday celebrations. While fireworks injuries occur primarily to children, an adult male who lived on Kauai succumbed to fatal injuries sustained from a fireworks explosion on December 31, 2020. Hawaii news media reports at least seven others, including juveniles, were injured from fireworks misuse on New Year's Eve 2020.

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The increase in fines may deter individuals from the illegal use of fireworks and the proposed multiagency effort to increase scrutiny of fireworks violations will curtail this growing problem. The general welfare, public safety, and property protection are priorities for the SFC and the MFD, and we respectfully request your committee's passage of SB 513.

Should you have questions, please contact SFC Administrative Specialist Lloyd Rogers at (808) 723-7176 or lrogers@honolulu.gov.

Sincerely,



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Fire Chief

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
David Smith	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Support. Fireworks are out of control and represent an environmental, public health, and worker safety hazard, as well as a terroristic threat, with so much explosive material being shipped into the state illegally.