



**STATE OF HAWAII**  
DEPARTMENT OF LABOR AND INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS  
**State Fire Council**  
830 Punchbowl Street  
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March 17, 2009

The Honorable Faye Hanohano, Chair  
Committee on Public Safety  
House of Representatives  
State Capitol, Room 303  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

The Honorable Joseph M. Souki, Chair  
Committee on Transportation  
House of Representatives  
State Capitol, Room 433  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Chairs Hanohano and Souki:

Subject: S.B. 1059, S.D. 2 Relating to Fireworks

I am Kenneth G. Silva, Chair of the State Fire Council (SFC) and Fire Chief of the Honolulu Fire Department (HFD). The SFC and the HFD support S.B. 1059, S.D. 2, which proposes to establish an illegal fireworks task force administratively attached to the State of Hawaii, Department of Transportation.

The SFC and the HFD believe this bill will organize various agencies to work on solutions to better enforce the growing distribution and use of illegal fireworks in our communities. Each year, the use of illegal fireworks, namely aerals by unlicensed, nonprofessional persons, continues to increase. These illegal fireworks pose a fire and life-safety risk and danger to the public. Enhanced enforcement strategies and cooperation between county, state, and federal agencies are essential.

The SFC and the HFD request your committee's support on the passage of S.B. 1059, S.D. 2.

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Should you have any questions, please call HFD Legislative Liaison Lloyd Rogers at 723-7171.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Kenneth G. Silva".

KENNETH G. SILVA  
Chair

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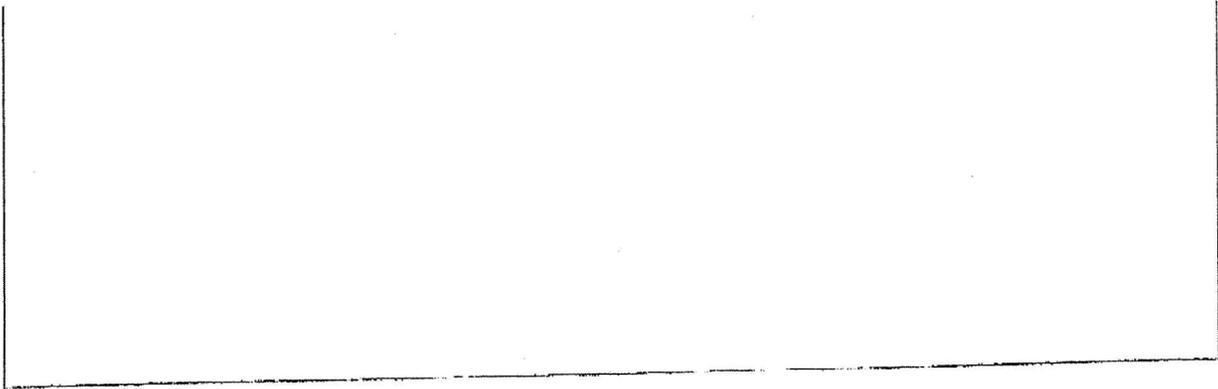
Dear Chairs Hanohano and Souki:

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I am Jeffrey A. Murray, Fire Chief of the County of Maui Department of Fire and Public Safety (DOFAPS), and a member of the State Fire Council (SFC). The DOFAPS and the SFC support S.B. 1059, S.D. 2, which proposes to establish an illegal fireworks task force administratively attached to the State of Hawaii, Department of Transportation.

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Sincerely,



JEFFREY A. MURRAY  
Fire Chief

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Dear Chairs Hanohano and Souki:

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I am Robert F. Westerman, Chair of the State Fire Council (SFC) and Fire Chief of the Kauai Fire Department (KFD). The SFC and the KFD support S.B. 1059, S.D. 2, which proposes to establish an illegal fireworks task force administratively attached to the State of Hawaii, Department of Transportation.

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The SFC and the KFD request your committee's support on the passage of S.B. 1059. S.D. 2.

Should you have any questions, please call me at 241-4980.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Robert Westerman".

Robert F. Westerman  
Chair

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Founded in 1904, the  
American Lung Association  
includes affiliated associations  
throughout the U.S.

**TO: House Committee on Public Safety  
House Committee on Transportation**

**FOR: Hearing Scheduled for 9:30 am, Thursday, March 19, 2009**

**RE: TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF THE INTENT OF SB 1059, SD2  
RELATING TO FIREWORKS**

Chairs Hanohano & Souki, Vice Chairs Aquino & Awana, and Committee Members:

The American Lung Association in Hawaii is pleased that this measure seeks to explore ways to eliminate illegal fireworks by establishing a task force. **However with over 154,000 people in Hawaii, or nearly 13 percent of our population suffering from some type of lung disease, that is made worse by exposure to the particulate smoke from both legal and illegal fireworks, WE BELIEVE A BAN ON ALL FIREWORKS IS THE BETTER APPROACH.** Assuring the cleanest air for everyone in Hawaii is important, especially with the recent increase in volcanic activity which compounds the to the danger of fireworks.

Hawaii has the second highest rate in the nation for childhood asthma and many adults, especially the elderly, suffer from chronic lung disease including emphysema and COPD (Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease). Even people who do not have lung problems often report eye, throat and lung irritation on New Year's Eve.

With so many people experiencing breathing problems directly related to fireworks, the American Lung Association in Hawaii strongly supports any measure that will help clear the air. Every year the American Lung Association publishes the State of the Air report for the nation and each state. Hawaii, with its generally clean air, receives high marks with the exception of a "D" for short-term air pollution as a result of one night – New Year's Eve.

Specific action to ban fireworks, **either at the State or County level**, is what is called for rather than spending time and resources on a task force.

Respectfully, submitted,

Jean Evans, MPH  
Executive Director  
American Lung Association in Hawaii



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Rep. Faye P. Hanohano, Chair  
Rep. Henry J.C. Aquino, Vice Chair

House Committee on Transportation  
Rep. Joseph M. Souki, Chair  
Rep. Karen Leinani Awana, Vice Chair

By: Richard C. Botti  
Lauren Zirbel  
LISH Represents both retailers and wholesalers of fireworks in Hawaii

Re: SB 1059, SD2 RELATING TO FIREWORKS

Chairs & Committee Members:

We support SB 1059 SD2, as being a good place to start addressing the importation and sale of illegal fireworks and explosives into the state. The task force will provide a massive amount of brain power to address the challenge.

Vic Angoco  
Matson Navigation Company,  
Inc.

Mar Labrador  
Horizon-Lines, LLC

Glenn Hong  
Young Brothers, Ltd./Hawaiian  
Tug and Barge

Grant Karamatsu  
NCL America, Inc.

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Chairman

**SB 1059 SD2  
RELATING TO FIREWORKS**

**GARY NORTH  
CHAIRMAN  
HAWAII HARBORS USERS GROUP**

**MARCH 19, 2009**

Chair Hanohano, Chair Souki, and Members of the House

Committee on Public Safety and Members of the House

Committee on Transportation:

I am Gary North, testifying on behalf of the Hawaii Harbors Users Group (HHUG), on SB 1059 SD2.

The Hawaii Harbor Users Group (HHUG) is a non-profit maritime transportation industry group comprised of the following key harbor users: Matson Navigation Company, Horizon Lines, LLC, Young Brothers/Hawaii Tug & Barge, Norwegian Cruse Line, Sause Brothers Inc., Aloha Cargo Transport (ACT), Hawaii Stevedores, McCabe Hamilton & Renny Stevedores, Hawaii Superferry, Tesoro Hawaii Corporation, The Gas Company, Ameron Hawaii, and Hawaiian Cement.

Thank you for taking my testimony in regards to SB 1059 SD 2. **I am not tendering a position, but do have a suggestion** in relation to the make up of the proposed task force.

Should you pass this bill, I would recommend that members of the shipping and trucking industry be included on the task force along with the already listed governmental agencies. These industries ensure that the transportation chain is handled in a safe and efficient manner.

Thank you for taking my suggestion into consideration during your discussion and deliberation of SB1059 SD2.

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The Honorable Henry Aquino, Vice Chair  
and Members of the Public Safety Committee

The Honorable Joseph Souki, Chair  
The Honorable Karen Awana, Vice Chair  
and Members of the Transportation Committee

DATE: Thursday, March 19, 2009  
9:30 a.m. Room 309

RE: SB1059 SD2 RELATING TO FIREWORKS

POSITION: STRONG SUPPORT

My name is Fetu Kolio, and I am a community resident of Kalihi-Palama and a resident of Public Housing Mayor Wright Homes. I also serve as a Member of the Kalihi-Palama Neighborhood Board No.#15 and a strong community participant of Weed & Seed in my community. My neighbors and I are testfying today in STRONG SUPPORT of SB1059,SD2. We are asking for help to enhanced enforcement strategies among state, city, also federal agencies to address the seriouness of the Publics safety.

SB1059,SD2 would help identify what department agencies are refusing to enforce fireworks laws. On how they arrived to the State of Hawaii, Which property owners are permitted to displays fireworks on State Public Housing with a safety fire permit issued by the Honolulu Fire Department.

We have residents parked cars vandelizeed by fireworks use and trash bins are set on fire, also aeriels fireworks displays that goes on day or night illegaliy by unlicensed, nonprofessional persons. The noise is so severe that it disturbs residents peaceful enjoyment of their accomodation under rental lease argement.

Fetu T. Kolio  
Mayor Wright Homes  
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RE: SB 1059 SD2 Relating to Fireworks

POSITION: STRONG SUPPORT

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We request your help to increase regulations on fireworks to improve the safety of Mayor Wright Homes residents. Please pass SB 1059 SD2 so that all the residents can live in safety and peace.

Thank you for hearing this bill and reading my testimony. I hope you will pass SB 1059 SD2.

Eleanor Kolio  
1235 Pua Lane, 34-D  
Honolulu, HI 96817

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Keoondorie Thakhambor  
649 N. Vineyard, 35-B  
Honolulu, HI 96817

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Genevive Cadnette  
649 N. Vineyard, 35-A  
Honolulu, HI 96817

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Joanna Thakhambor  
649 N. Vineyard, 35-B  
Honolulu, HI 96817

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Rose  
650 Kukui St., 32-A  
Honolulu, HI 96817

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My name is Awleen Paul, and I live at Mayor Wright Homes. My neighbors and I are testifying today in strong support of SB 1059 SD2. We are asking for safety for our families and all Public housing residents.

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Awleen Paul  
1235 Pua Lane, 34-M  
Honolulu, HI 96817

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Randy Nicky  
1330 Liliha St., 20-G  
Honolulu, HI 96817

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Aosy Helly  
1330 Liliha St., 20-G  
Honolulu, HI 96817

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Francis Kerat  
1235 Pua Lane, 34-M  
Honolulu, HI 96817

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Marino Ricky  
1235 Pua Lane, 34-L  
Honolulu, HI 96817

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POSITION: STRONG SUPPORT

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SB 1059 SD2 would establish an illegal fireworks task force to stop the importation of illegal fireworks and explosives. As you may know, illegal fireworks make up the majority of fireworks related injuries. These illegal fireworks pose a fire and life safety risk to the public. Therefore improved enforcement strategies and cooperation between federal, state and county agencies are needed.

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We request your help to increase regulations on fireworks to improve the safety of Mayor Wright Homes residents. Please pass SB 1059 SD2 so that all the residents can live in safety and peace.

Thank you for hearing this bill and reading my testimony. I hope you will pass SB 1059 SD2.

Judy Ricky  
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Honolulu, HI 96817

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and other Members of the Public Safety Committee

The Honorable Joseph M. Souki, Chair, the Honorable Karen Leinana Awana, Vice Chair  
and other Members of the Transportation Committee

DATE: Thursday, March 19, 2009  
9:30 a.m., Room 309

RE: SB 1059 SD2 Relating to Fireworks

POSITION: STRONG SUPPORT

My name is Fiailoa Muliaga, and I live at Mayor Wright Homes. My neighbors and I are testifying today in strong support of SB 1059 SD2. We are asking for safety for our families and all Public housing residents.

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Thank you for hearing this bill and reading my testimony. I hope you will pass SB 1059 SD2.

Fiailoa Muliaga  
1211 Pua Lane, 34-J  
Honolulu, HI 96817

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and other Members of the Public Safety Committee

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DATE: Thursday, March 19, 2009  
9:30 a.m., Room 309

RE: SB 1059 SD2 Relating to Fireworks

POSITION: STRONG SUPPORT

My name is Leonard Lester, and I live at Mayor Wright Homes. My neighbors and I are testifying today in strong support of SB 1059 SD2. We are asking for safety for our families and all Public housing residents.

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Thank you for hearing this bill and reading my testimony. I hope you will pass SB 1059 SD2.

Leonard Lester  
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Honolulu, HI 96817

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and other Members of the Transportation Committee

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RE: SB 1059 SD2 Relating to Fireworks

POSITION: STRONG SUPPORT

My name is Binasita Eram, and I live at Mayor Wright Homes. My neighbors and I are testifying today in strong support of SB 1059 SD2. We are asking for safety for our families and all Public housing residents.

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Thank you for hearing this bill and reading my testimony. I hope you will pass SB 1059 SD2.

Binasita Eram  
566 Kukui St., 25-E  
Honolulu, HI 96817

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and other Members of the Public Safety Committee

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RE: SB 1059 SD2 Relating to Fireworks

POSITION: STRONG SUPPORT

My name is Augafa Ene, and I live at Mayor Wright Homes. My neighbors and I are testifying today in strong support of SB 1059 SD2. We are asking for safety for our families and all Public housing residents.

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Thank you for hearing this bill and reading my testimony. I hope you will pass SB 1059 SD2.

Augafa Ene  
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Honolulu, HI 96817

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and other Members of the Public Safety Committee

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RE: SB 1059 SD2 Relating to Fireworks

POSITION: STRONG SUPPORT

My name is Nite Krisfoph, and I live at Mayor Wright Homes. My neighbors and I are testifying today in strong support of SB 1059 SD2. We are asking for safety for our families and all Public housing residents.

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Thank you for hearing this bill and reading my testimony. I hope you will pass SB 1059 SD2.

Nite Krisfoph  
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Honolulu, HI 96817

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RE: SB 1059 SD2 Relating to Fireworks

POSITION: STRONG SUPPORT

My name is Tausagafou Alananu, and I live at Mayor Wright Homes. My neighbors and I are testifying today in strong support of SB 1059 SD2. We are asking for safety for our families and all Public housing residents.

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Thank you for hearing this bill and reading my testimony. I hope you will pass SB 1059 SD2.

Tausagafou Alananu  
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Honolulu, HI 96817

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RE: SB 1059 SD2 Relating to Fireworks

POSITION: STRONG SUPPORT

My name is Ben , and I live at Mayor Wright Homes. My neighbors and I are testifying today in strong support of SB 1059 SD2. We are asking for safety for our families and all Public housing residents.

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Thank you for hearing this bill and reading my testimony. I hope you will pass SB 1059 SD2.

Ben  
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RE: SB 1059 SD2 Relating to Fireworks

POSITION: STRONG SUPPORT

My name is Rensia Thomas, and I live at Mayor Wright Homes. My neighbors and I are testifying today in strong support of SB 1059 SD2. We are asking for safety for our families and all Public housing residents.

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Thank you for hearing this bill and reading my testimony. I hope you will pass SB 1059 SD2.

Rensia Thomas  
651 Kukui St., 4C  
Honolulu, HI 96817

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RE: SB 1059 SD2 Relating to Fireworks

POSITION: STRONG SUPPORT

My name is Wilma , and I live at Mayor Wright Homes. My neighbors and I are testifying today in strong support of SB 1059 SD2. We are asking for safety for our families and all Public housing residents.

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Thank you for hearing this bill and reading my testimony. I hope you will pass SB 1059 SD2.

Wilma  
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RE: SB 1059 SD2 Relating to Fireworks

POSITION: STRONG SUPPORT

My name is Gladys Lum, and I live at Mayor Wright Homes. My neighbors and I are testifying today in strong support of SB 1059 SD2. We are asking for safety for our families and all Public housing residents.

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Thank you for hearing this bill and reading my testimony. I hope you will pass SB 1059 SD2.

Gladys Lum  
1235 Pua Lane, 34G  
Honolulu, HI 96817

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RE: SB 1059 SD2 Relating to Fireworks

POSITION: STRONG SUPPORT

My name is Steven Thomas, and I live at Mayor Wright Homes. My neighbors and I are testifying today in strong support of SB 1059 SD2. We are asking for safety for our families and all Public housing residents.

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Steven Thomas  
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