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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR AND INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS
State Fire Council
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March 31, 2009

The Honorable Marcus Oshiro, Chair
Committee on Finance
House of Representatives
State Capitol, Room 306
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Chair Oshiro:

Subject: S.B. 1060, S.D. 1, H.D. 1 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. 1060, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, which proposes to increase fireworks permit and import license fees. However, the SFC recommends that a technical revision be made to remove added commas to SECTION 2. Section 132D-11, Hawaii Revised Statutes to read as follows:

"... The license fees established by this section and section 132D-10 shall be used solely by each county fire department to pay for the salary of an auditor of fireworks and articles pyrotechnic ~~records~~ and all expenses incurred to fulfill the duties required, including the inspection of inventory and storage facilities, maintenance of required records, and the training of the auditor...."

The original text intended the fireworks auditor to monitor the records of both fireworks and articles pyrotechnic.

Fireworks permit and import license fees have not increased for nine years, even though the cost of services provided by fire, police, and emergency medical personnel continues to increase. During New Year's celebrations, the Honolulu Police Department responded to 1,566 fireworks-related incidents in 2007-2008 and 1,361 incidents in 2008-2009. Statewide, fire departments responded to 37 and 33 fireworks-related incidents for the same period, and fireworks injuries totaled 105 for 2007-2008 and 79 for 2008-2009. In addition, the counties bear the cost and responsibility of cleaning the

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streets and parks that are littered with fireworks debris. Along with the fire departments' responsibility to ensure the public's safety, the number of fireworks display permits and proper accounting of the pyrotechnic inventory items have increased.

The SFC and the HFD request your committee's support on the passage of S.B. 1060, S.D. 1, H.D. 1 with the recommended revision.

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
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April 1, 2009

Testimony to: House Committee on Finance
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Rep. Marilyn B. Lee, Vice Chair

By: Richard C. Botti
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(LISH Represents both retailers and wholesalers of fireworks in Hawaii)
Jerry Farley, Expert Witness

Re: SB 1060 SD1 HD1 RELATING TO FIREWORKS

Chairs & Committee Members:

We support strong enforcement of the many provisions in the Hawaii fireworks law that address the illegal importation, sale and use of aerial fireworks. LISH worked with the four county fire departments and this Legislature in 1994, again in 2000 and every year since to make sure that the Hawaii fireworks law is a tough and effective law that allows responsible Hawaii citizens to buy and use legal fireworks and to penalize those who misuse legal fireworks or sell, buy and use illegal fireworks.

We support the provision in current law that gives the fees collected from the issuance of importer, wholesaler, storage and retail licenses to the county fire departments for purposes specified in 132D-11.

Additionally, we have supported in the past, and again support now adding language in the statute that gives the fees collected by the counties for the issuance of permits to purchase firecrackers and for pyrotechnic displays to the county fire departments.

In past testimony, we have suggested that these permit fees be used for two very worthwhile purposes: first of all, enforcement of the fireworks law and, in particular, enforcement actions against the sale, purchase, possession and use of illegal, aerial fireworks; and, secondly, a comprehensive education campaign that encourages safe and responsible use of legal, non-aerial fireworks. Today, we urge that these permit fees be used for these two purposes.

However, please note that under current law, these permit fees go into the county general funds and do not necessarily flow to the fire departments for any use whatsoever. Currently, these permit fees are not available for either enforcement or educational efforts. So, we suggest that SB 1060 be amended to authorize the use of these permit fees for these two purposes: enforcement and education.

Secondly, we suggest for your consideration that you do not increase the fees charged for permits and licenses. Rather, we suggest that, by enacting language that gives the permit fees to the fire departments for these two purposes, you will have dramatically increased the total funds available to the fire departments.

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Please note that we think the previous committee intended to include language in SB 1060 that gave the permit fee monies to the fire departments. However, the language on page 2 at lines 4 and 5 did not accomplish that goal. We offer the following corrective language:

“The license fees established by this section shall be used solely by each county . . .”

Finally, in order to make use of the permit fee monies for the two purposes—enforcement and education—we suggest that the following language be added to 132D-10 after subsection (3):

“Fifty percent (50%) of the permit fees established by this section shall be used to enforce the provisions of this law that prohibit the misuse of legal fireworks and the sale, purchase, possession and use of illegal aerial fireworks and the remaining fifty percent (50%) shall be used to develop and to implement jointly with the licensed consumer fireworks industry a state-wide education program that stresses safe and responsible use of legal fireworks.”

We believe this bill as currently written will result in increased consumer unwillingness to pay for permits to purchase legal firecrackers. Raising the permit fees from the already hefty 25 dollars to 35 dollars will further encourage some consumers to buy from the very health illegal fireworks market in Hawaii.

Needlesstosayillegalfireworksdo not contribute to our faltering tax base, or help in the creation of retail jobs and benefits. Increasing permit fees to consumers will make illegal fireworks, which do not abide by the same stringent safety requirements of legal fireworks and are more likely to result in injuries and fires, the more attractive alternative to pricesavvy individuals.



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Founded in 1904, the
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TO: House Committee on Finance

FOR: Hearing Scheduled for 11:00 am, Wednesday, April 1, 2009

**RE: TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF THE INTENT OF SB 1060, SD1, HD1
RELATING TO FIREWORKS**

Chair Oshiro, Vice Chair Lee, and Committee Members:

The American Lung Association in Hawaii is pleased that this measure seeks to increase the fees for fireworks. 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 fireworks, **we believe a ban on consumer fireworks, either at the State or County level, would do far more to protect our collective health.** 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.

It is time to act responsibly and stop this willful disregard for the health of our fellow citizens, especially those who might be unable to speak for themselves – our children and the elderly. **We suggest that inserting provisions into this measure allowing counties to enact ordinances or adopt rules regulating fireworks that are more restrictive than state law regulating fireworks** is what is called for at this time.

Respectfully, submitted,

Jean Evans, MPH, Executive Director
American Lung Association in Hawaii

TO: The Honorable Marcus Oshiro, (Chair)
The Honorable Marilyn Lee, (Vice Chair)
and Members of the Finance Committee

DATE: Wednesday, April 1, 2009
11:00 a.m. Room 308

RE: SB 1060 SD1 RELATING TO FIREWORKS

POSITION: STRONG SUPPORT

My name is Fetu Kolio, and I am a community resident of Kalihi-Palama and a Hawaii Public Housing resident of Mayor Wright Homes. I also serve as a Member of the Kalihi-Palama Neighborhood Board No.15, and a strong community participant of the Kalihi-Palama Weed & Seed program site-1 Honolulu. My neighbors and I are testfying today in STRONG SUPPORT of SB1060 SD1 Relating to Fireworks. We are asking for your help to increase the permit and license fees that are associated with using by importing fireworks.

SB 1060 SD1 will tremendously help to identify what retailers, if not all retailers that are transporting illegal fireworks, as it is known by the public and law-enforcement as in aerials fireworks and displays. Retailors have been abusing thair import license, and thair fireworks permit for years, because with common sense we already have written laws on unlicense personnels to own or to have in thair possession in the STATE OF HAWAII. How else illegal fireworks get here to the State of Hawaii, next thing we know a terrorists oranizations can easily use our own unenforced fireworks laws to start smuggling exposives that will pose danger, and safety to the public.

Department Of Health yearly checks on containers that has christmas trees, for health an safety reasons. In addition, tax-payers of the State Of Hawaii bear the cost on cleaning the streets and public parks, from fireworks use also property damage from fires across the STATE, and that the smoke from firewoks gets vog that it becomes hard to see when your driving a car or a breath of fresh air that would raise health issues.

Thank you for hearing this bill and my testimony, please pass SB1060 SD1.

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TO: The Honorable Marcus R. Oshiro, Chair, the Honorable Marilyn B. Lee, Vice Chair and other Members of the Finance Committee

DATE: Wednesday, April 1, 2009
11:00 a.m., Room 308

RE: SB 1060 SD1 HD1 Relating to Fireworks

POSITION: STRONG SUPPORT

My name is Keondorie Thakhambor, and I live at Mayor Wright Homes. My neighbors and I are testifying today in strong support of SB 1060 SD1 HD1. We are asking for safety for our families and all Public housing residents.

SB 1060 SD1 HD1 would increase the permit fees associated with using and importing fireworks. As you may know, it was reported that statewide fireworks injuries totaled 105 for 2007/2008 and 79 for the 2008/2009 period. Therefore by increasing the permit fees, it would make fireworks less affordable for consumers. Thus a reduction in the uses of fireworks, which translates to a reduction in the total of fireworks related injuries.

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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 1060 SD1 HD1 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 1060 SD1 HD1.

Keondorie Thakhambor
Mayor Wrights Homes
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TO: The Honorable Marcus R. Oshiro, Chair, the Honorable Marilyn B. Lee, Vice Chair and other Members of the Finance Committee

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RE: SB 1060 SD1 HD1 Relating to Fireworks

POSITION: STRONG SUPPORT

My name is Genevive Cadnette, and I live at Mayor Wright Homes. My neighbors and I are testifying today in strong support of SB 1060 SD1 HD1. 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 1060 SD1 HD1.

Genevive Cadnette
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RE: SB 1060 SD1 HD1 Relating to Fireworks

POSITION: STRONG SUPPORT

My name is Joanna Thakhambor, and I live at Mayor Wright Homes. My neighbors and I are testifying today in strong support of SB 1060 SD1 HD1. 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 1060 SD1 HD1.

Joanna Thakhambor
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RE: SB 1060 SD1 HD1 Relating to Fireworks

POSITION: STRONG SUPPORT

My name is Rose , and I live at Mayor Wright Homes. My neighbors and I are testifying today in strong support of SB 1060 SD1 HD1. 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 1060 SD1 HD1.

Rose
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TO: The Honorable Marcus R. Oshiro, Chair, the Honorable Marilyn B. Lee, Vice Chair and other Members of the Finance Committee

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RE: SB 1060 SD1 HD1 Relating to Fireworks

POSITION: STRONG SUPPORT

My name is Awleen Paul, and I live at Mayor Wright Homes. My neighbors and I are testifying today in strong support of SB 1060 SD1 HD1. 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 1060 SD1 HD1.

Awleen Paul
Mayor Wrights Homes
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Honolulu, HI 96817

TO: The Honorable Marcus R. Oshiro, Chair, the Honorable Marilyn B. Lee, Vice Chair and other Members of the Finance Committee

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RE: SB 1060 SD1 HD1 Relating to Fireworks

POSITION: STRONG SUPPORT

My name is Randy Nicky, and I live at Mayor Wright Homes. My neighbors and I are testifying today in strong support of SB 1060 SD1 HD1. 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 1060 SD1 HD1.

Randy Nicky
Mayor Wrights Homes
1330 Liliha St., 20-G
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POSITION: STRONG SUPPORT

My name is Aosy Helly, and I live at Mayor Wright Homes. My neighbors and I are testifying today in strong support of SB 1060 SD1 HD1. We are asking for safety for our families and all Public housing residents.

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Aosy Helly
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POSITION: STRONG SUPPORT

My name is Francis Kerat, and I live at Mayor Wright Homes. My neighbors and I are testifying today in strong support of SB 1060 SD1 HD1. We are asking for safety for our families and all Public housing residents.

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Francis Kerat
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My name is Marino Ricky, and I live at Mayor Wright Homes. My neighbors and I are testifying today in strong support of SB 1060 SD1 HD1. 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 1060 SD1 HD1.

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

TO: The Honorable Marcus R. Oshiro, Chair, the Honorable Marilyn B. Lee, Vice Chair and other Members of the Finance Committee

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RE: SB 1060 SD1 HD1 Relating to Fireworks

POSITION: STRONG SUPPORT

My name is Judy Ricky, and I live at Mayor Wright Homes. My neighbors and I are testifying today in strong support of SB 1060 SD1 HD1. We are asking for safety for our families and all Public housing residents.

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Judy Ricky
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Honolulu, HI 96817

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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 1060 SD1 HD1. We are asking for safety for our families and all Public housing residents.

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

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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 1060 SD1 HD1. 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 1060 SD1 HD1.

Leonard Lester
Mayor Wrights Homes
1235 Pua Lane, 34-J
Honolulu, HI 96817

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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 1060 SD1 HD1. 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 1060 SD1 HD1.

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

TO: The Honorable Marcus R. Oshiro, Chair, the Honorable Marilyn B. Lee, Vice Chair and other Members of the Finance Committee

DATE: Wednesday, April 1, 2009
11:00 a.m., Room 308

RE: SB 1060 SD1 HD1 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 1060 SD1 HD1. We are asking for safety for our families and all Public housing residents.

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Augafa Ene
Mayor Wrights Homes
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Nite Krisfoph
Mayor Wrights Homes
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Honolulu, HI 96817

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RE: SB 1060 SD1 HD1 Relating to Fireworks

POSITION: STRONG SUPPORT

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Tausagafou Alananu
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RE: SB 1060 SD1 HD1 Relating to Fireworks

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Ben
Mayor Wrights Homes
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RE: SB 1060 SD1 HD1 Relating to Fireworks

POSITION: STRONG SUPPORT

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

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RE: SB 1060 SD1 HD1 Relating to Fireworks

POSITION: STRONG SUPPORT

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Wilma
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RE: SB 1060 SD1 HD1 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 1060 SD1 HD1. We are asking for safety for our families and all Public housing residents.

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Gladys Lum
Mayor Wrights Homes
1235 Pua Lane, 34G
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RE: SB 1060 SD1 HD1 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 1060 SD1 HD1. We are asking for safety for our families and all Public housing residents.

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