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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

Dear Chair Hanohano:

Subject: S.B. 1060, S.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, which proposes to increase fireworks permit and import license fees.

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 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.

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

KGS/LR:bh

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Dear Chair Hanohano:

Subject: S.B. 1060, S.D. 1 Relating to Fireworks

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. 1060, S.D. 1, which proposes to increase fireworks permit and import license fees.

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Should you have any questions, please call Honolulu Fire Department's Legislative Liaison Lloyd Rogers at 723-7171.

Sincerely,


JEFFREY A. MURRAY
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Dear Chair Hanohano:

Subject: S.B. 1060, S.D. 1 Relating to Fireworks

I am Robert F. Westerman, member of the State Fire Council (SFC) and Fire Chief of the Kauai Fire Department (KFD). The SFC and the KFD support S.B. 1060, S.D. 1, which proposes to increase fireworks permit and import license fees.

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The SFC and the KFD request your committee's support on the passage of S.B. 1060, S.D. 1.

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
Fire Chief

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Founded in 1904, the
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**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 1060, SD1
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 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. Specific action to ban fireworks is what is called.

Respectfully, submitted,

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



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March 19, 2009

Testimony to: House Committee on Public Safety
Rep. Faye P. Hanohano, Chair
Rep. Henry J.C. Aquino, Vice Chair

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

Re: SB 1060, SD1 RELATING TO FIREWORKS

Chairs & Committee Members:

We oppose any increase in firework permit fees for firecrackers. If anything, the existing permit fees should be directed to each county fire department as are the license fees. This can be done by adding the following sentence to 132D-10 of the law, while not increasing the permit fees as this measure dictates. Otherwise the permit fees will continue to go to the general fund of each county.

“The permit fees 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.”

TO: The Honorable Faye P. Hanohano, Chair, the Honorable Henry J.C. Aquino, Vice Chair
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 1060 SD1 Relating to Fireworks

POSITION: STRONG SUPPORT

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

SB 1060 SD1 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 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.

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

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Thank you for hearing this bill and reading my testimony. I hope you will pass SB 1060 SD1.

Eleanor Kolio
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Honolulu, HI 96817

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

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Thank you for hearing this bill and reading my testimony. I hope you will pass SB 1060 SD1.

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

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

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

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RE: SB 1060 SD1 Relating to Fireworks

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Thank you for hearing this bill and reading my testimony. I hope you will pass SB 1060 SD1.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

SB 1060 SD1 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 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.

Leonard Lester
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Binasita Eram
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Honolulu, HI 96817

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Augafa Ene
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Thank you for hearing this bill and reading my testimony. I hope you will pass SB 1060 SD1.

Nite Krisfoph
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Honolulu, HI 96817

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

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Tausagafou Alananu
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Ben
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My name is Rensia Thomas, and I live at Mayor Wright Homes. My neighbors and I are testifying today in strong support of SB 1060 SD1. 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.

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

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

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Gladys Lum
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Honolulu, HI 96817

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

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