

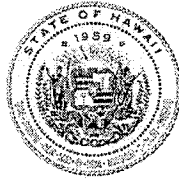
HB 1987 HD2

Measure Title:
RELATING TO FIREWORKS.

Report Title:
Establishes a cause of action to abate the illegal purchasing, selling, possession, setting off, igniting or discharging of fireworks. Allows the court to order the closure of any place used in violation of the fireworks law. Allows for the forfeiture of property used in violation of the fireworks law. Effective December 21, 2058.

Linda Lingle
Governor

Darwin L.D. Ching
Director



STATE OF HAWAII
DEPARTMENT OF LABOR AND INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS
State Fire Council
830 Punchbowl Street
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

March 9, 2010

The Honorable Will Espero, Chair
Committee on Public Safety and Military Affairs
The State Senate
State Capitol, Room 207
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Chair Espero:

Subject: H.B. 1987, H.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 offer the following comments:

1. We support the statewide ban of consumer fireworks, with the exception of special events and professional public fireworks displays.
2. We believe each county should determine the potential hazards of fireworks and the benefit to their community by further restricting fireworks use based on each county's needs and resources. Chapter 132D-17, Hawaii Revised Statutes states that no county may enact stricter laws or rules relating to the present fireworks law.
3. We support measures that make the arrest and prosecution for illegal purchase, possession, setting off, igniting, or discharging of fireworks easier and increase the penalties and consequences for convictions of fireworks violations.

Should you have any questions, please call SFC Administrator Socrates Bratakos at 723-7151.

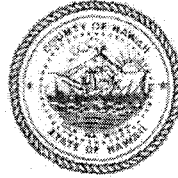
Sincerely,

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KENNETH G. SILVA
Chair

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March 8, 2010

TO : SENATOR WILL ESPERO, CHAIR, COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY AND MILITARY AFFAIRS

FROM : DARRYL OLIVEIRA, FIRE CHIEF, HAWAII FIRE DEPARTMENT

SUBJECT: HB 1987, HD 2 RELATING TO FIREWORKS
DATE/TIME OF HEARING: THURSDAY, MARCH 11, 2010, 1:25 P.M.

I would like to thank you for taking up the issue of fireworks and the impact fireworks related activities have on our various island communities. Over the years, the Hawaii State Fire Council has strived to encourage and promote legislation that would support the effective enforcement, controls, and regulation of fireworks.

As one member of the State Fire Council and the Fire Chief for the County of Hawaii, I would like to ask for your support of legislation that may provide for any of the following:

1. Support the statewide ban of consumer fireworks, with the exception of special events and professional public fireworks displays.
2. Support a "home rule" concept that would allow each county to determine the potential hazards of fireworks and the benefit to their community and permit further restricting fireworks use based on each county's needs and resources. Chapter 132D-17, Hawaii Revised Statutes states that no county may enact stricter laws or rules relating to the present fireworks law.
3. Support measures that make the arrest and prosecution for the illegal purchase, possession, setting off, igniting, or discharging of fireworks easier and increase the penalties and consequences for convictions of fireworks violations.
4. Support gradually increasing random container inspections by the various federal, state and private agencies to help control the illegal importation of fireworks.

I realize and appreciate the cultural significance fireworks have and continue to play in our community; however, I feel it is imperative that we balance those values and beliefs with responsible and safe practices. The aforementioned measures would provide for the opportunity to better regulate and effectively control the use of fireworks and support the enforcement efforts of the fire departments and law enforcement agencies across our state.

Sincerely,

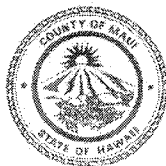

DARRYL OLIVEIRA
Fire Chief

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March 9, 2010

The Honorable Will Espero, Chair
Committee on Public Safety and Military Affairs
State Senate
State Capitol, Room 207
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Chair Espero:

Subject: H.B. 1987, H.D. 2 Relating to Fireworks

I am Jeffrey A. Murray, Fire Chief of the County of Maui Department of Fire & Public Safety (MFD), and a Member of the State Fire Council (SFC). The MFD and the SFC offer the following comments:

1. We support the statewide ban of consumer fireworks, with the exception of special events and professional public fireworks displays.
2. We believe each county should determine the potential hazards of fireworks and the benefit to their community by further restricting fireworks use based on each county's needs and resources. Chapter 132D-17, Hawaii Revised Statutes states that no county may enact stricter laws or rules relating to the present fireworks law.
3. We support measures that make the arrest and prosecution for illegal purchase, possession, setting off, igniting, or discharging of fireworks easier and increase the penalties and consequences for convictions of fireworks violations.

Should you have any questions, please call SFC Administrator Socrates Bratakos at 723-7151.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jeffrey A. Murray", is written over the printed name and title.
JEFFREY A. MURRAY
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Thursday March 11, 2010 @ 1:25 p.m. in CR 229

To: Committee on Public Safety and Military Affairs
Senator Will Espero, Chair
Senator Robert Burda, Vice Chair

By: Richard C. Botti, President
Lauren Zirbel, Government Relations
(LISH represents fireworks retailers a supplier)

RE: HB 1987 HD2 RELATING TO FIREWORKS

Chairs and Committee Members:

We support this measure as currently amended by the House as a necessary tool in the enforcement against professional illegal fireworks importers that are working in what we would define as the black market. These individuals currently consider the risk of violating laws worth the risk because of the rewards in profits.

HB 1987 HD2 raises the stakes for those contributing to an unacceptable risk of property damage and personal injuries.

"§712- Forfeiture. In addition to any other penalty that may be imposed for violations of section 132D-14(a)(1) and (3), any instrumentalities of violation and proceeds or property obtained or maintained with such proceeds from violations of section 132D-14(a)(1) and (3), may be subject to forfeiture pursuant to chapter 712A."

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TO: Senate Committee on Public Safety and Military Affairs

FOR: Hearing S cheduled for 1:25 p.m. Thursday March 11, 2010

**RE: TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF THE INTENT OF HB 1987, HD2
RELATING TO FIREWORKS**

Chair Espero, Vice Chair Bunda and Committee Members:

The American Lung Association in Hawaii supports any that measure seeks to reduce the impact of fireworks. However with over 175,000 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, including novelty items would do far more to protect our collective health** than would this abatement measure aimed at curbing the use of illegal fireworks. Assuring the cleanest air for everyone in Hawaii is important, especially with the recent increase in volcanic activity that compounds 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.

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 all fireworks with an exemption for religious and cultural use is what is called for. **We support a statewide ban or, as an alternative, we strongly recommend adding language that allows counties to have the authority to regulate fireworks.**

Respectfully, submitted,

Jean Evans, MPH
Executive Director
American Lung Association in Hawaii

SENT: MONDAY, MARCH 08, 2010 11:58 AM
TO: PSM TESTIMONY
CC: RONJ@HAWAII.RR.COM
SUBJECT: TESTIMONY FOR HB1987 ON 3/11/2010 1:25:00 PM

TESTIMONY FOR PSM 3/11/2010 1:25:00 PM HB1987

CONFERENCE ROOM: 229
TESTIFIER POSITION: SUPPORT
TESTIFIER WILL BE PRESENT: NO
SUBMITTED BY: RONALD SIMPSON
ORGANIZATION: INDIVIDUAL
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SUBMITTED ON: 3/8/2010

COMMENTS:
THE HONORABLE WILL ESPERO, CHAIR
COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY AND MILITARY RELATIONS
THE STATE SENATE
STATE CAPITOL RM 229
HONOLULU HI 96813

MONDAY, MARCH 08, 2010
SUPPORT HB1987

GOOD MORNING:

MY NAME IS RONALD SIMPSON. I AM TESTIFYING IN SUPPORT OF HB1987

THE FIREWORKS SITUATION HAS GOTTEN COMPLETELY OUT OF CONTROL; TO THINK OTHERWISE IS BEING TOTALLY NAIVE. IT IS A FIASCO AND SHOULD BE COMPLETELY BANNED.

IF YOU LIVED IN ONE OF THE NEIGHBORHOODS SUCH AS PEARL CITY OR WAIPAHU AND BEYOND, WHERE THE BULK OF THE ILLEGAL FIREWORKS SEEMED TO ORIGINATE, YOU WOULD UNDERSTAND WHAT I MEAN.

I RECEIVED INFORMATION THAT THE ILLEGAL FIREWORKS ORIGINATE FROM EITHER TAIWAN OR HONG KONG AND COME TO HAWAII BEFORE THANKSGIVING VIA CONTAINER, THAT IS STORED IN RESIDENTIAL AREAS. THE INFORMATION ALSO STATES THAT EVEN LAW ENFORCEMENT ARE PURCHASING AND SELLING THE ILLEGAL FIREWORKS.

IF YOU CANNOT BAN FIREWORKS COMPLETELY, WHICH I BELIEVE IS THE ONLY ANSWER, THEN I WILL SUPPORT ANY SINCERE EFFORT TO CURB, AND EVENTUALLY ELIMINATE THIS ONGOING HEALTH AND SAFETY ISSUE.

THANK YOU.

Testimony to: **HOUSE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY AND MILITARY AFFAIRS**
Senator Will Espero, Chair
Senator Robert Bunda, Vice Chair

By: Colleen Y. Aina, Owner
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Hearing Date: March 11, 2010
Hearing Time: 1:25 pm
Hearing Place: Conference Rm 229-State Capitol

Subject: HB 1987, HD2

Position: SUPPORT of HB1987 HD2 with request for refinements

One of the major concerns voiced by citizens in testimony on bills targeting fireworks is the use of illegal fireworks. There are three major problems dealing with illegal fireworks:

Problem #1: MONITORING OF THE **IMPORTATION** OF ILLEGAL FIREWORKS.

Problem #2: **ENFORCEMENT** OF THE LAW.

Problem #3: **REPERCUSSIONS** TO THE INDIVIDUAL SELLING ILLEGAL FIREWORKS.

HB1987 HD2 is a pro-active step in eliminating illegal fireworks in the State of Hawaii by targeting severe repercussions to those who engage in this trade. It must be noted that current Hawaii fireworks law 132D specifies penalties for such violations ranging from acts of importation to igniting.

Enacting a law does not necessarily reap compliance or elimination of the problem that created the law. In the case of fireworks, stricter penalties are a welcomed tool, but in tandem there needs to be refinement in areas of collective enforcement (police and fire departments) procedures, definition of seizure of properties and assets and examination of areas that are impeding the success of current law 132D.

We ask that more time be spent in examining these areas to make this a law that will be a tool for elimination of illegal fireworks and not just a law on the books.

We thank-you for this opportunity to testify.

SENATE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY AND MILITARY AFFAIRS

Thursday, March 11, 2010

1:25 p.m.

State Capitol Conference Room 229

TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF HOUSE BILL 1987 HD2 RELATING
TO FIREWORKS

Aloha, Chairperson Espero, Vice Chairperson Bunda and Committee Members.

Please support House Bill 1987 House Draft 2 which would strengthen existing laws on fireworks. A total ban of consumer fireworks except for public display would be far better, but if the majority of legislators do not see fireworks as an issue of health and safety of people and animals, and are not willing to stand with the Honolulu Police and Fire Departments in support of a total ban of consumer fireworks, then this bill is better than nothing. Thank you for the opportunity to testify. In my zeal to express my viewpoint, I forgot to state at the beginning of my testimony that my name is Jennifer Chiwa.

Subject:HB1987 HD2—RELATING TO FIREWORKS

Date:Thursday, March 11, 2010

Time: 1:25p.m.

From:Danny Clark

To:PSMTestimony@Capitol.hawaii.gov.

Dear Committee Members:

The proliferation of aerial fireworks and "bombs" is outrageous. The people shooting off these things are not doing it for religious or cultural reasons; these types of fireworks have never been part of religious or cultural rites. They start shooting them off around Thanksgiving, and since when are fireworks a part of Christmas? It's hard to assist the police in identifying the culprits because the aerals are flying all over the place, and the loud "bombs" echo all around. It's like being in the middle of a battlefield; I don't believe most citizens like having this cacophony imposed on them year in and year out—it ruins the holidays for the majority of residents. If people want to see those kinds of pyrotechnics, they should go to a display conducted by professionals away from residential areas; it would be more sensible and safer. How many fires and injuries will it take to get action? When will there be some aloha for those with respiratory problems? Why should they have to lock themselves in an air-conditioned rooms during the holidays? Both the Fire Department and the Police Department support a total ban on fireworks; we should back them up. Banning fireworks is a no-brainer for those with brains, and the best way to control illegal fireworks is to cut off the supply by inspecting containers coming into the State.

Respectfully submitted,
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TO: PSM TESTIMONY

SUBJECT: TESTIMONY FOR HB1987 ON 3/11/2010 1:25:00 PM

TESTIMONY FOR PSM 3/11/2010 1:25:00 PM HB1987

CONFERENCE ROOM: 229
TESTIFIER POSITION: SUPPORT
TESTIFIER WILL BE PRESENT: NO
SUBMITTED BY: RUSSELL HIRATA
ORGANIZATION: INDIVIDUAL
ADDRESS: 1893 HOOLEHUA STREET PEARL CITY
PHONE: 4563478
SUBMITTED ON: 3/10/2010

COMMENTS:

Date: 3/10/2010

To: Committee on Public Safety and Military Affairs
Senator Wil Espero, Chair; and Senator Robert Bunda, Vice Chair

From: Russell Hirata

RE: HB 1987, HD2, relating to Fireworks; and,
HB 2271, HD1, relating to Explosives

Hearing date/time: 3/11/2010, 1:25 PM
Location: State Capitol Conference Room 229

Dear Senators and Committee Members:

Rather than to re-invent the wheel, I am piggy-backing on a previously-submitted written testimony by Ann S. Freed, a copy of which is attached hereto. I echo the sentiments stated in her testimony.


In addition, I also believe that those few who are pro-fireworks argue that the opponents of fireworks disregard or are not sensitive to our cultural heritages somehow. Yet, I have never heard any intelligent explanation of how abolition of fireworks would harm anyone's cultural heritage. So far as I know, our right to worship under any religious belief of our choosing remains intact.

It is realistic that if a compromise is struck and fireworks were to be abolished to some degree, the end result would be a reduction of noise and smoke. I believe that this is what we are trying to accomplish for now. To that end, I urge you in the Legislature to enact necessary and effective legislation that is intended to curb such harmful activities.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Rep. Jon Riki Karamatsu, Chair
Rep. Ken Ito, Vice Chair
House Committee on Judiciary

Ann S. Freed



I am in **strong support** of HB 1987, HD1 RELATING TO FIREWORKS.

This bill adding the strict penalty of property forfeiture for violators of the law gives much-needed teeth to enforcement.

I am personally very sick, quite literally, of the noise and smoke that goes on for months at a time here on Oahu.

In the past five years this island has become a war zone for the months of December and January and to a certain extent July. Illegal fireworks are set off early in December and Continue past New Year's. In July the same thing happens.

Pyrotechnics are dangerous, produce horrendous noise and toxic smoke. They should be left to the experts and confined to public displays sanctioned by the counties.

The consequences of lax policies with respect to fireworks are grave. Those with allergies must stay indoors. Pets are terrified. Children are burned and/or killed. Houses burn down and property is damaged every year that this goes on. Not to mention the fact that most people can't even enjoy the peace of their own homes and are kept awake for many days before and after the holiday in question. The police can't seem to stop illegal displays that occur under the current law.


This past New Year's Eve I traveled to a party that was only a mile away and I couldn't read the street signs it was so smoky. There were numerous large types of fireworks in the middle of the road, all the more dangerous because I couldn't see them to avoid running over them.

I don't agree with those who believe that their "culture" demands a fireworks free-for-all at certain times of the year. Those who are proponents of this point of view should have compassion for the majority of the people who are tired of suffering from this selfish practice. The fire department is sick of having to deal with the consequences and we should help by putting a stop to it.

Please pass this bill out of committee.

Regards,

Ann S. Freed



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TESTIMONY FOR PSM 3/11/2010 1:25:00 PM HB1987

CONFERENCE ROOM: 229
TESTIFIER POSITION: SUPPORT
TESTIFIER WILL BE PRESENT: NO
SUBMITTED BY: STANN W. REIZISS, PH.D.
ORGANIZATION: INDIVIDUAL
ADDRESS:
PHONE:

SUBMITTED ON: 3/10/2010

COMMENTS:

SUPPORT HB 1987-HD2

PLEASE SUPPORT THE BANNING OF EXPLOSIVES AND OTHER FIREWORKS IN THE HANDS OF THE GENERAL PUBLIC.

AN INDIVIDUAL, OR GROUP SHOULD NOT HAVE THE RIGHT (FOR RELIGIOUS PURPOSES OR OTHERWISE) TO:

- TERRORIZE,
- ENDANGER THE PHYSICAL HEALTH AND/OR WELL-BEING OF OTHERS,
- DESTROY PUBLIC PROPERTY (INTENTIONALLY OR OTHERWISE)
- CREATE (AS A RESULT OF INTENDED OR UNINTENDED CONSEQUENCES) HAZARDOUS CONDITIONS FOR THE PUBLIC AT LARGE.
- PLACE GOVERNMENT SERVICE ORGANIZATIONS SUCH A THE POLICE, FIRE DEPARTMENT, AND EMERGENCY SERVICES, SECRET SERVICES (SAFE GUARDING VISITING DIGNITARIES) UNDER COSTLY HEIGHTENED ALERTS.

THE NUMBER ONE PRIMARY FUNCTIONS OF GOVERNMENT IS TO HELP KEEP ORDER, SETTLE CONFLICTS, AND PROTECT THE COMMUNITY.

PLEASE, IN THE SPIRIT OF GOOD GOVERNMENT, PLEASE SUPPORT HB 1987-HD2

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED.

**TO: The Honorable Senator Will Espero , (Chair)
The Honorable Senator Rebert Bunda , (Vice Chair)
and Members of the Public Safety Committee**

**DATE: Thursday, March 11, 2010
1:25 PM Room 229**

RE: HB 1987,HD2 Relating To Fireworks

POSITION: STRONG SUPPORT

My name is Fetu Kolio , and I serve on as a Member of the Kalihi-Palama Neighborhood Board No.15 , I am testifying today on bill HB-1987,HB2 Relating to Fireworks .

Cargos with explosives materials should always be a first priority to insure that the Public's Safety , is protected under State and federal laws, ignoring the facts on the ongoing issues that has become the the mean concerns of Citizens, and officials throughout the State Of Hawaii.

HB 1987,HB2, would help setup a safety network across the State of Hawaii, including the neighbor islands, to put a complete STOP on any organization in the future to use our very own laws to disturb or harm the people of the State Of Hawaii. Through the BLACK MARKET, System.

Thank you for hearing this bill and my testimony , please pass HB 1987,HD2 to ensure the integrity and fairness on those who safe guard our ports, and allows the Courts to order the closure of any place used in violation of fireworks law, and forfeiture property in violation.

**Fetu Kolio ,
Community Resident
of Kalihi-Palama.**

**TO: The Honorable Senator Will Espero , (Chair)
The Honorable Senator Robert Bunda , (Vice Chair)
and Members of the Public Safety Committee**

**DATE: Thursday, March 11, 2010
1:25 pm Room 229**

RE: HB 1987,HD2 Relating Public Housing

POSITION: STRONG SUPPORT

My name is Ene Augafa, I support HB 1987,HD2, this would be a good start for a new beginning for the safety of citizens. We all need to find the courage to bring to a stop the abuse of illegal selling of explosives fireworks that come to our ports through the black market sales.

This bill HB 1987,HD2, will protect the State of Hawaii, from destruction from explosive materials, efforts by State and federal Courts , can help restore security and safety to all residents and there property across the State of Hawaii, that means all communities.

By authorizing the FORFEITURE, of property at the ports or any findings of illegal aerals explosive in shipping containers, would smoke out the criminal enterprise that are using our very own fireworks laws for there own self greed multi-million dollars revenue profit, while the STATE OF HAWAII is in a budget crisis .

Please help stop these destruction materials, from going through our ports, and put in warehouses , please pass HB 1987,HD2 .

**Ene Augafa ,
Community Resident**

TO: THE HONORABLE WILL ESPERO , (CHAIR)
THE HONORABLE ROBERT BUNDA , (VICE CHAIR)
AND MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

DATE : THURSDAY, MARCH 11, 2010
1:25 PM ROOM 229

RE : HB 1987,HD2 RELATING TO FIREWORKS

POSITION: STRONG SUPPORT

MY NAME IS TIKIN NAUR , I SUPPORT THIS BILL HB 1987,HD2 , BECAUSE NO ONE , I MEAN NO ONE IS ABOVE LAWS . OUR COMMUNITIES ARE BEING DESTROYED BY HAZARDOUS MATERIALS AS IN EXPLOSIVE BOMBS , THAT'S CREATING A WAR IN OUR COMMUNITY .

HB 1987,HD2 WOULD IDENTIFY ALL LEGAL CARGO'S THAT HAS A FIREWORKS DISPLAY PERMIT'S , OR LICENSE TO IMPORT FIREWORKS TO THE STATE OF HAWAII , THAT ALSO HAS ILLEGAL AERIAL'S . FORFEITURE OF PROPERTY IS A START FOR A SAFE COMMUNITY TO LIVE IN .

PLEASE HELP STOP THE ONGOING WARS IN OUR COMMUNITIES BY PASSING HB 1987,HD2 , THANK YOU FOR HEARING MY TESTIMONY .

TIKIN NAUR , (COMMUNITY RESIDENT)

**TO: The Honorable Senator Will Espero ,
TheHonorable Senator Robert Bunda ,
and Members of the Public Safety Committee**

**(Chair)
(Vice Chair)**

**DATE : Thursday, March 11, 2010
1:25 PM Room 229**

RE : HB 1987,HD2 Relating To Fireworks

POSITION: STRONG SUPPORT

As a concern citizen, my name is Learned Lester , Aerials are dangerous explosives materials that are imported, to the State Of Hawaii from the mainland by some-sort of permit, or license.

To have enforcement from all departments across the STATE OF HAWAII, we need to have some sort of insurance that NO illegal fireworks explosives past inspection .

HB 1987,HD2 will authorizes these departments to stop any kind of illegal fireworks that arrived to our ports , that's the first line of defense.

Thank you for letting me testifying, please pass HB 1987,SD2 .

LEARNED LESTER , (COMMUNITY RESIDENT)

TO: THE HONORABLE WILL ESPERO , (CHAIR)
THE HONORABLE ROBERT BUNDA , (VICE CHAIR)
AND MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

DATE: THURSDAY, MARCH 11, 2010
1:25 PM ROOM 229

RE: HB 1987,HD2 RELATING TO FIREWORKS

POSITION: STRONG SUPPORT

AS A COMMUNITY RESIDENT OF KALIHI , I ENCOURAGE THE PASSAGE OF THIS BILL HB 1987,HD2, BECAUSE FIREWORKS ARE BEING USE RECKLESSLY BY UNLICENSED PROFESSIONAL'S IN OUR COMMUNITIES . INJURIES AND PROPERTY DAMAGE ACROSS THE STATE OF HAWAII SHOWS HOW IRRESPONSIBLE WE ARE AS EDUCATED ADULTS. I AM SURE THAT ANYONE WITH COMMON-SENSE WOULD REALIZE THAT THE SAFETY FOR ALL OF OUR FAMILIES, IS MORE VALUABLE THEN ALL THE \$\$ MONEY\$\$ IN THE WORLD .

HB 1987,HD2 WOULD HELP STOP THOSE TYPES OF DANGEROUS MATERIALS, AS IN AERIAL'S EXPLOSIVE BOMBS THAT ARE BROUGHT BY SHIPPING CONTAINERS TO OUR PORTS, BY LICENSED IMPORTERS OF FIREWORKS . FORFEITURE OF PROPERTY MAKES PERFECT SENSE AS A VIOLATION OF ANY OF OUR FIREWORKS .

PLEASE HELP STOP THE ABUSE IN VIOLATIONS BY OUR FIREWORKS LAWS , PLEASE PASS – HB 1987,HD2

RANDY NICKY , (COMMUNITY RESIDENT)

**TO: The Honorable Will Espero , (Chair)
The Honorable Robert Bunda , (Vice Chair)
and Members of the Public Safety Committee**

**DATE: Thursday, March 11, 2010
1:25 pm Room 229**

RE: HB 1987,HD2 Relating To Fireworks

POSITION: STRONG SUPPORT

My name is Sonia Felix , fireworks are a ongoing problem in our communities , as residents of the State of Hawaii, we have the right to live in a safe and clean environment, protected by the State and Federal constitutional rights. Dangerous,hazardous materials as in aerial's fireworks should never be acceptable in any communities, that's why we have laws to protect all people of this STATE .

HB 1987,HD2 would have a cause of action to abate to the illegal purchasing,selling,possession, and igniting or discharging of aerals fireworks in our communities.

Thank you for hearing this bill and my testimony please pass HB 1987,HD2 .

SONIA FELIX , (Community Resident)

**TO: The Honorable Will Espero , (Chair)
The Honorable Robert Bunda , (Vice Chair)
and Members of the Public Safety Committee**

**DATE: Thursday, March 11, 2010
1:25 pm Room 229**

RE: HB 1987,HD2

POSITION: STRONG SUPPORT

My name is Awleen Paul , I am testifying in support of HB 1987,HD2 it would establishes a cause of action to illegal selling or possession of explosive materials, that are in violation of our fireworks law, and allowing the courts to order the closure any place that are in violation also the forfeiture of property.

HB 1987,HD2 would make it illegal to own or in possession of any aerals fireworks, and that State and Federal courts can allow for the forfeiture of property from violations of fireworks law.

Lets start the safety process now , so that we all can live in a safer Community, by stopping the problems of fireworks violation of the State of Hawaii, let's all be part of the solution by keeping our families safe .

Thank you for hearing this bill and letting me share my testimony please pass bill HB 1987,HD2 .

**AWLEEN PAUL ,
(community Resident)**

FROM: SILNGOL33@HAWAII.RR.COM [MAILTO:SILNGOL33@HAWAII.RR.COM]
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TO: PSM TESTIMONY
SUBJECT:

HB1987 HD2

DATE:
THURSDAY, MARCH 11, 2010

TIME:
1:25 P.M.

PLACE:
CONFERENCE ROOM 229

STATE CAPITOL

415 SOUTH BERETANIA STREET

BILL HB 1987 - RELATING TO FIREWORKS

WE HAVE LIVED IN KAILUA FOR ALMOST 35 YEARS AND HAVE NEVER
DEALT WITH THE EXPLOSIONS THAT WE WERE SUBJECTED TO THIS
PAST NEW YEAR'S EVE. PLEASE, PLEASE STAND UP AND VOTE
TO BAN FIREWORKS IN OUR COUNTY!

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SENT: WEDNESDAY, MARCH 10, 2010 7:45 AM
TO: PSM TESTIMONY

SUBJECT: TESTIMONY FOR HB1987 ON 3/11/2010 1:25:00 PM

TESTIMONY FOR PSM 3/11/2010 1:25:00 PM HB1987

CONFERENCE ROOM: 229
TESTIFIER POSITION: OPPOSE
TESTIFIER WILL BE PRESENT: NO
SUBMITTED BY: MIKE ZEHNER
ORGANIZATION: INDIVIDUAL
SUBMITTED ON: 3/10/2010

COMMENTS:

I OPPOSE HB1987. OUR FIREWORKS RESTRICTIONS ARE ALREADY TOO STRICT COMPARED TO MOST STATES. FIREWORKS ARE USED TO SALUTE OUR LIBERTIES AND NOW YET ANOTHER LIBERTY IN HAWAII IS UNDER ATTACK BY YET ANOTHER SUMPTUARY LAW.

LET'S REMEMBER THAT THE PURPOSE OF OUR GOVERNMENT IS TO MAKE PEOPLE MORE FREE NOT LESS FREE AND TO HAVE MORE OF OUR OWN CHOICES.

MAHALO FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION, MIKE ZEHNER