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February 23, 2015

The Honorable Rosalyn Baker, Chair
Committee on Commerce and
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The State Senate
State Capitol, Room 230
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Chair Baker:

Subject: Senate Bill (SB) 662 Relating to Fireworks

I am Manuel P. Neves, Chair of the Hawaii State Fire Council (SFC) and Fire Chief of the Honolulu Fire Department (HFD). The SFC and the HFD support SB 662, which proposes to clarify the current statute by defining the activity of redistribution; delineating the responsibilities of shippers; and amending the labeling dimensions of display, pyrotechnic articles, and aerial devices. It will also authorize permits for fireworks used in movie productions and testing or disposal purposes.

We propose clarifying two revisions to the measure as follows:

Section 2. "Requirements of Shippers. (a) Any shipper ~~[that]~~ who receives fireworks that are imported into the State or between counties shall notify the ~~[county]~~ fire chief of any destination county, prior to shipment, as to ~~[whether]~~ where the shipment will be distributed from:"

Section 4. "Exceptions. (3) The purchase and use of consumer fireworks, aerial devices, display fireworks, or articles pyrotechnic in a film or movie production with a valid permit issued by a county fire department ~~[pursuant to]~~ under section 132D-10;"

Redistribution involves unpacking, segregating, and repacking fireworks shipments, which are then shipped to the neighbor islands or transported to retail locations. Since fireworks redistribution activities are conducted and completed within a few days, the

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location where such activities are conducted will have minimum safety requirements that are based on building and fire codes or nationally recognized standards.

This bill amends the labeling size for display fireworks, articles pyrotechnic, or aerial devices to nine square inches instead of nine inches by nine inches, which is consistent with nationally recognized standards. Requirements for a shipper of fireworks products are added to ensure proper agency notification.

Two prohibited exceptions are added to authorize permits for the use in movie productions and testing, disposal, or destruction of illegal or unwanted fireworks.

The SFC and the HFD urge your committee's passage of SB 662 with the recommended revisions.

Should you have questions, please contact SFC Administrator Socrates Bratakos at 723-7105 or sbratakos@honolulu.gov.

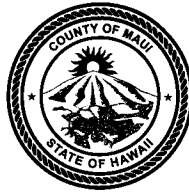
Sincerely,



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Dear Chair Baker:

Subject: Senate Bill (SB) 662 Relating to Fireworks

I am Jeffrey A. Murray, Member of the Hawaii State Fire Council (SFC) and Fire Chief of the Maui Fire Department (MFD). The SFC and the MFD support SB 662, which proposes to clarify the current statute by defining the activity of redistribution; delineating the responsibilities of shippers; and amending the labeling dimensions of display, pyrotechnic articles, and aerial devices. It will also authorize permits for fireworks used in movie productions and for testing or disposal purposes.

We propose two clarifying revisions to the measure as follows:

Section 2. "Requirements of Shippers. (a) Any shipper that receives fireworks that are imported into the State or between counties shall notify the [county] fire chief of any destination county, prior to shipment, as to whether the shipment will be distributed from."

Section 4. "Exceptions. (3) The purchase and use of consumer fireworks, aerial devices, display fireworks, or articles pyrotechnic in a film or movie production with a valid permit issued by a county fire department ~~[pursuant to]~~ under section 132-D-10;"

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Two prohibited exceptions are added to authorize permits for the use in movie productions and testing, disposal, or destruction of illegal or unwanted fireworks.

The SFC and the MFD urge your committees' passage of SB 662 with the recommended revisions.

Should you have questions, please contact SFC Administrator Socrates Bratakos at 723-7105 or sbratakos@honolulu.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jeffrey A. Murray", with a stylized flourish at the end.

JEFFREY A. MURRAY
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The State Senate
State Capitol, Room 230
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

Dear Chair Baker:

Subject: Senate Bill (SB) 662 Relating to Fireworks
Hearing Date: February 26, 2015
Time and Place of Hearing: 9:30 a.m., Conference Room 229

I am Darren J. Rosario, Member of the Hawai'i State Fire Council (SFC) and Fire Chief of the Hawaii Fire Department of the County of Hawai'i (HCFD). The SFC and the HCFD support SB 662, which proposes to clarify the current statute by defining the activity of redistribution; delineating the responsibilities of shippers; and amending the labeling dimensions of display, pyrotechnic articles, and aerial devices. It will also authorize permits for fireworks used in movie productions and for testing or disposal purposes.

Both the SFC and the HCFD proposes two clarifying revisions to the measure as follows:

Section 2. "Requirements of Shippers. (a) Any shipper that receives fireworks that are imported into the State or between counties shall notify the ~~[county]~~ fire chief of any destination county, prior to shipment, as to whether the shipment will be distributed from."

Section 4. "Exceptions. (3) The purchase and use of consumer fireworks, aerial devices, display fireworks, or articles pyrotechnic in a film or movie production with a valid permit issued by a county fire department ~~[pursuant to]~~ under section 132-D-10;"

Redistribution involves unpacking, segregating, and repacking fireworks shipments, which are then shipped to the neighbor islands or transported to retail locations. Since fireworks redistribution activities are conducted and completed within a few days, the location where such activities are conducted will have minimum safety requirements that are based on building and fire codes or nationally recognized standards. This is extremely a concern for Hawai'i Island which is home to the State's largest fireworks distributors.



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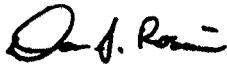
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Two prohibited exceptions are added to authorize permits for the use in movie productions and testing, disposal, or destruction of illegal or unwanted fireworks.

The SFC and the HCFD urge your committees' passage of SB 662 with the recommended revisions.

Should you have questions, please contact me at darren.rosario@hawaiiicounty.gov or at 808-932-2903.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Darren J. Rosario".

DARREN J. ROSARIO
Fire Chief

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Comments: I am in support of SB662 because it will help avoid a mishap that could occur.

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Comments:

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