

# **SB 2303**

## RELATING TO FIREWORKS PERMIT FEES

Increases fireworks display permit fee from \$110 to \$300.

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January 28, 2014

The Honorable Will Espero, Chair  
Committee on Public Safety, Intergovernmental  
and Military Affairs  
The State Senate  
State Capitol, Room 231  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Chair Espero:

Subject: S.B. 2303 Relating to Fireworks Permit Fees

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 S.B. 2303, which proposes to increase the display permit fee from \$110 to \$300.

This permit authorizes licensed pyrotechnicians to conduct outdoor aerial and indoor fireworks displays at special events. Although the permit fee has remained the same for 13 years, administrative costs to process, review, and approve have increased. This includes an evaluation of the firing site, distance to audiences, adjacent structures, and combustible vegetation. On-site verification of fireworks inventory before and after the event and inspection of pyrotechnic equipment, safety precautions, and weather conditions are some of the items reviewed.

Public safety and property protection are priorities of the fire department's approval process, and the permit fees should increase appropriately.

The SFC and the HFD urge your support on the passage of S.B. 2303. Should you have questions, please contact SFC Administrator Socrates Bratakos at 723-7105 or [sbratakos@honolulu.gov](mailto:sbratakos@honolulu.gov).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "M. Neves".

MANUEL P. NEVES  
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Dear Chair Espero:

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I am Darren J. Rosario, Member of the Hawaii State Fire Council (SFC) and Fire Chief of the Hawai'i Fire Department (HCFD). The SFC and the HCFD support S.B. 2303, which proposes to increase the display permit fee from \$110 to \$300.

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Respectfully,

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

**DARREN J. ROSARIO**  
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Dear Chair Espero:

**Subject: S.B. 2303 Relating to Fireworks Permit Fees**

I am Robert F. Westerman Fire Chief of the Kauai Fire Department (KFD) and Vice-Chair of the State Fire Council (SFC). The KFD and the SFC support S.B. 2303, which proposes to increase the display permit fee from \$110 to \$300.

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The KFD and the SFC urge your committee's passage of S.B. 2303.

Please call me at (808) 241-4980 should you have any questions regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Robert Westerman  
Fire Chief, County of Kaua'i

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