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Comments:

Aloha ... the provision appears to be rather ambitious, albeit unrealistic! I do NOT support the use of fire works by the general public due health, safety, noise-related issues. While it sounds 'nice' to think it will be possible to scare potential offenders with the idea their home/office/business building could be forfeited under this bill, it is highly unlikely anything will ever happen.

Protecting the anonymity of the complaintant is also a nice idea but; again, I doubt it will be possible to protect them from retaliation. If we can't protect women with TRO's, how in the world will be protect a complaintant.

Good for you for at least trying to address the fireworks issue but perhaps a more effective way is to ban the sale of fireworks ... period! Illegal fireworks would make their way in but it could considerably cut down the use if they're not sold in every store despite the fact that very few of the purchaser's have bothered to obtain a license to shoot off fireworks.

Mahalo,

Margaret Peary

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The Honorable Jon Riki Karamatsu, Chair
Committee on Judiciary
House of Representatives
State Capitol, Room 302
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Chair Karamatsu:

Subject: H.B. 1987, 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 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 cursive script, appearing to read "Kenneth G. Silva".

KENNETH G. SILVA
Chair

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