

# SB 2302

Measure Title: RELATING TO FIREWORKS.

Report Title: Fireworks; Prohibitions; Storage

Description: Adds definitions and requirements for permanent and temporary consumer fireworks storage facilities. Clarifies fireworks prohibitions and exceptions to those fireworks prohibitions.

Companion:

Package: None

Current Referral: PSM, CPN

Introducer(s): ESPERO, Baker, Galuteria

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February 18, 2014

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

Dear Chair Baker:

Subject: S.B. 2302 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 S.B. 2302, which proposes to define terminology and clarify practices related to fireworks in accordance with nationally recognized standards and exceptions to fireworks prohibitions.

In addition to fireworks being a potentially dangerous product during its use, potential dangers also exist during transport and storage. The definitions being proposed are based on nationally recognized standards for safety and best industry practices to protect lives and property that will be applicable statewide. Proposed revisions to the general prohibitions found in Section 132D-5, Hawaii Revised Statutes (HRS), allow fireworks to be used in movie productions or by those authorized to test or dispose of fireworks.

The revision to Section 132D-8, HRS, authorizes safety requirements for redistributing fireworks that are shipped first to Honolulu; taken by container to a designated location; and repackaged for distribution to the neighbor islands, local storage facility, or retail locations. This revision would include requirements from the building or fire codes or other nationally recognized standard.

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The SFC and the HFD urge your committee's passage of S.B. 2302.

Should you have questions, please contact SFC Administrator Socrates Bratakos at 723-7105 or [sbratakos@honolulu.gov](mailto:sbratakos@honolulu.gov).

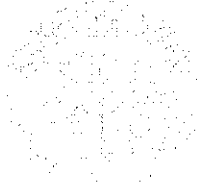
Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'MPN', with a stylized flourish at the end.

MANUEL P. NEVES  
Chair

MPN/LR:clc

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State Capitol, Room 230  
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Dear Chair Baker:

**Subject: S.B. 2302 Relating to Fireworks**

I am Robert F. Westerman, Fire Chief of the Kauai Fire Department (KFD) and Vice-Chair of the Hawaii State Fire Council (SFC). The KFD and the SFC support S.B. 2302, which proposes to define terminology and clarify practices related to fireworks in accordance with nationally recognized standards. It also seeks to clarify exceptions to fireworks prohibitions.

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Dear Chair Baker:

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I am Jeffrey A. Murray, Member of the Hawaii State Fire Council (SFC) and Fire Chief of the County of Maui, Department of Fire & Public Safety (MFD). The SFC and the MFD support S.B. 2302, which proposes to define terminology and clarify practices related to fireworks in accordance with nationally recognized standards. It also seeks to clarify exceptions to fireworks prohibitions.

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Sincerely,



JEFFREY A. MURRAY  
Chief