

SB 2302

RELATING TO FIREWORKS

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

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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. 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.

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), allows 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.

Sincerely,

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

MANUEL P. NEVES
Chair

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Dear Chair Espero:

Subject: S.B. 2302 Relating to Fireworks

I am Darren J. Rosario, Member of the Hawaii State Fire Council (SFC) and Fire Chief of the Hawai'i Fire Department of the County of Hawai'i (HCFD). The SFC and the HCFD support S.B. 2302, which proposes to define terminology and clarify practices related to fireworks in accordance with nationally recognized standards.

Fireworks are a potentially dangerous product during its use, and also present potential dangers 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), allows fireworks to be used in movie productions or by those authorized to test or dispose of fireworks.

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The SFC and the HCFD urge your committee's passage of S.B. 2302. Should you have questions, please contact my office at 932-2903 or fire@co.hawaii.hi.us.

Respectfully,

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

DARREN J. ROSARIO
Fire Chief.
SFC Member



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January 28, 2014

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The State Senate
State Capitol, Room 231
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Chair Espero:

Subject: S.B. 2302 Relating to Fireworks

I am Robert F. Westerman, Fire Chief of the Kauai Fire Department (KFD) and the Vice-Chair of the State Fire Council. 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.

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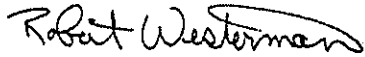
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The KFD and the SFC urge your committee's passage of S.B. 2302.

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Robert Westerman".

Robert Westerman
Fire Chief, County of Kaua'i

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January 29, 2014

Senator Will Espero, Chair
Committee on Public Safety, Intergovernmental
and Military Affairs
State of Hawaii

Dear Senator Espero,

On behalf of the Hawaii Fire Chiefs Association I would like to request your support and passage of Senate Bill 2302 relating to Fireworks.

The Hawaii Fire Chiefs Association (HFCA) is a registered 501 (C) 3, non-profit corporation and professional association. The HFCA is an affiliate member organization of the Western Fire Chiefs Association (WFCA) and the International Association of Fire Chiefs (IAFC). Our Executive Board, Board of Directors, and membership are comprised of chief officers and members of every fire service organization in the State of Hawaii inclusive of County, State, Federal, and private industry fire protection departments and organizations. The primary mission and focus of the HFCA is the support of training, education, professional development, and advocacy for the fire service locally and abroad. As such, our engagement in the legislative process is to assist with the raising of awareness with fire and public safety issues and to support measures that will improve and enhance the safety of our community and the first responders.

As proposed, SB 2302 will further clarify and strengthen the Hawaii Revised Statutes Chapter 132-D by clearly defining the authority for regulating the storage of consumer fireworks and the provisions and conditions of both permanent and temporary storage facilities engaged in such activities. These measures are essential to insuring the safety of the general public as well as the first responder community who may be tasked with responding to emergencies at such facilities.

Therefore the HFCA respectfully requests your support and passage of SB 2302 as written.

In closing I would like to thank you and the committee members for your support of Hawaii's fire and emergency service organizations and extend to you the commitment of the HFCA to work together to promote and insure the safety and welfare of our communities and first responders.

Sincerely,


Darryl Oliveira, President