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The Honorable David Y. Ige, Chair
Committee on Intergovernmental Affairs
State Senate
State Capitol, Room 215
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Chair Ige:

Subject: S.B. 2667 Relating to Fireworks

I am Kenneth G. Silva, Fire Chief of the Honolulu Fire Department (HFD) and a member of the State Fire Council (SFC). The HFD and the SFC support S.B. 2667, which:

1. Clarifies fireworks terminology to be consistent with Federal law.
2. Deletes references to the defunct "United States Bureau of Explosives."
3. Includes and defines articles pyrotechnic to regulate the importation, storage, transfer, sale, or use of those devices.
4. Provides that a fireworks permit applies to the use of fireworks, whether purchased or not.
5. Prohibits the giving, transferring, or donating of fireworks to any licensee who does not have a fireworks permit.
6. Prescribes the time period consumer fireworks may be sold.

This bill would greatly assist the enforcement and regulation of the fireworks control law.

The SFC requests your committee's support on the passage of S.B. 2667.

The Honorable David Y. Ige, Chair

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Should you have any questions, please call HFD Battalion Chief Lloyd Rogers, SFC
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Sincerely,



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