

# Hawaii Council of Community Associations Concerns Regarding to Condo Fire Safety

## HCCA Concerns:

### 1. Scoring on Life Safety Evaluations:

- a. What would be a passing score on a LSE?
- b. Licensed Designed Professionals:
  - i. How many licensed contractors are available to conduct life safety evaluations and to implement fire safety improvements plans?
  - ii. If a narrow building has individual fire hoses on each floor, does it minimize the concern about getting the full fire hoses maneuvered around the narrow building? Building has have open lanais on both sides of the unit.
- c. Matrix:
  - i. Can adjustments be made for vertical openings and installation of fire sprinklers?
    1. If buildings less than 10 stories (75 feet) are less risky and therefore exempt, if a building decides to install sprinklers then, they can begin on the 11th floor. This will substantially reduce the cost of the installation.
    2. If the first 75 feet could be exempt, then the repairs to vertical openings should begin on the 11th floor and should not be required on every floor because the cost is prohibitive.
  - ii. Can adjustments to the Matrix be made for narrow buildings which could pose a reduced risk to fire fighters?

### 2. Financing:

- i. Will the City provide low-interest loans for the mandated requirement?
- ii. What is a typical timeline for financing and undertaking building improvements through city agencies (e.g., DPP, HFD, BWS, etc.)?