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Honolulu Fire Department  
Ka 'Oihana Kinai Ahi  
636 South Street  
Honolulu, HI 96813

Dear Chief Hao,

I appreciated the Department's comments on Bill 22 (2024) at the Council's Public Safety Committee meeting on Thursday, September 26. I recognize that more needs to be done to address the dangers of illegal aerial fireworks and to educate the public about the rules surrounding illegal aerial fireworks.

To that end, ROH 20-6.6 establishes the fees for licenses for fireworks importers, wholesalers, storage sites, and retailers, and specifies how the funds are to be used. The fund was set up in 2010.

Specifically, the fund is to be used per ordinance by the fire department to pay expenses relating to:

- (1) the audit of fireworks (inspections of inventory and storage, maintenance of records, training of auditors;
- (2) education regarding compliance with fireworks regulation; and
- (3) the enforcement of fireworks regulation.

With this letter, I would like to request an accounting of how much money has been generated into the fund since its inception, and how the monies in the fund have been used since its inception.

If possible, your reply before the start of full Council meeting at **10:00 am, on October 9, 2024** would be greatly appreciated.

Mahalo nui,

Tyler Dos Santos-Tam  
City Councilmember, District 6

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