

**BILL007(25)**  
**Testimony**

**MISC. COMM. 67**

PUBLIC SAFETY & CUSTOMER SERVICES (PS)

## **PUBLIC SAFETY & CUSTOMER SERVICES (PS) Meeting**

Meeting Date: Feb 13, 2025 @ 01:00 PM

Support: 3

Oppose: 0

I wish to comment: 0

Name: Samuel Mitchell	Email: 808Unionist@gmail.com	Zip: 96822
Representing: Nextdoor Stop all illegal Fireworks Group	Position: Support	Submitted: Feb 9, 2025 @ 08:33 AM
<p>Testimony:</p> <p>We fully support Bill 7 changes to fireworks laws in Honolulu.</p> <p>Samuel Mitchell Makiki NB-10 Nextdoor Stop all illegal Firework Group</p>		
Name: Stephanie Kendrick	Email: skendrick@hawaiianhumane.org	Zip: 96826
Representing: Hawaiian Humane Society	Position: Support	Submitted: Feb 12, 2025 @ 10:13 AM
Name: GARY TOBA	Email: garyirene1@yahoo.com	Zip: 96814
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Feb 12, 2025 @ 11:06 PM
<p>Testimony:</p> <p>I am in favor of this Bill007-25 as a citizen of Honolulu, Hawaii. I wish fines and imprisonment would be more to deter any type of illegal fireworks or aerals being played on New Years Eve or any other days. We in our society live with all kinds of rules but majority of the time. These laws are not enforced for example using cellular devise while driving. But the main point is that we make our laws so harsh on those who get caught, that they wont do it ever again. I would like a harsher penalty of 2-3 year of imprisonment and a \$5,000 dollar fine. These people who play these illegal fireworks spend more money than the fines we propose. We need it to make it steep so they think about this before they buy these illegal fireworks. Most of these people spend \$5 to \$10 thousand dollars on illegal fireworks. What your proposing is a drop in the bucket. \$2,000 dollars is nothing to them. Please amend a stiffer penalty. Mahalo's Mr. Toba</p>		



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People for animals. Animals for people.

Date: Feb. 12, 2025

To: Chair Val Okimoto  
Vice Chair Esther Kia'āina  
and Members of the Committee on Public Safety and  
Customer Services

Submitted By: Steph Kendrick, Director of Community Engagement  
Hawaiian Humane Society, 808-356-2217

RE: Support for Bill 7 Relating to the Fire Code  
Thursday, Feb. 13, 2025, 1 p.m., City Council Chamber

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On behalf of the Hawaiian Humane Society, mahalo for considering our support of Bill 7 Relating to the Fire Code.

We agree with Bill 7's intent to impose stricter penalties for fireworks violations that involve large volumes of illegal explosives.

Hawaiian Humane supports any attempt to restrict fireworks from residential neighborhoods. Despite tragic deaths and injuries spanning many years - and reaching a new level of horror with the Aliamanu tragedy this year - the crime of using illegal fireworks is rarely punished. This measure attempts to remedy that failure of our legal system by increasing penalties and accountability for violators.

These bombs increasingly go off without regard to date and terrorize pets and people alike. The unpredictable barrage makes it impossible to prepare and creates sustained stress, which can do lasting damage to emotional, mental and physical health.

Please pass Bill 7 and hold the perpetrators of these crimes accountable. Mahalo for your consideration.