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PUBLIC SAFETY & CUSTOMER SERVICES (PS)

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Meeting Date: Mar 6, 2025 @ 01:00 PM

Support: 2

Oppose: 0

I wish to comment: 0

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<p>Testimony:</p> <p>Hit them wherever you can. No more loss of life, injuries, damaged or destroyed property, PTSD attacks, etc. The illegal use of fireworks has to stop. It is not cultural, it is inhumane and against the values of society.</p> <p>Please move this bill forward.</p>		



Hawaiian Humane Society

People for animals. Animals for people.

Date: March 3, 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
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RE: Support for Bill 7 Relating to the Fire Code
Thursday, March 6, 2025, 1 p.m., City Council Chamber

On behalf of the Hawaiian Humane Society, mahalo for considering our support of Bill 7, Proposed CD1, 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. We also appreciate the Proposed CD1's amendments aligning with relevant state statutes.

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.