

BILL007(25)
Testimony

MISC. COMM. 171

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Meeting Date: Mar 19, 2025 @ 10:00 AM

Support: 7

Oppose: 0

I wish to comment: 0

Name:	Email:	Zip:
lynne matusow	lynnehi@aol.com	96817
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Support	Mar 15, 2025 @ 03:26 PM
Testimony: 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. Please move this bill forward.		
Name:	Email:	Zip:
STEPHANIE MCCLAUGHLIN	smclaughlin808@gmail.com	96789
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Support	Mar 17, 2025 @ 05:16 PM
Testimony: Please support this important bill. Fireworks in Hawaii are a health hazard to humans and animals.		
Name:	Email:	Zip:
Stephanie Kendrick	skendrick@hawaiianhumane.org	96826
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Hawaiian Humane Society	Support	Mar 17, 2025 @ 05:34 PM
Name:	Email:	Zip:
Bill Dixon	bill.r.dixon@gmail.com	96744
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Support	Mar 17, 2025 @ 05:45 PM
Testimony: My name is Bill Dixon, and I live at 45-031 Lilipuna Road in Kaneohe. I write in strong support of Bill 7, CD1, relating to the fire code. The bill would align county ordinance with state statutes to increase enforcement of commonsense fireworks regulations and punishment of violators. Passage of this bill would help neighborhoods and law enforcement fight back against a fireworks arms race that is turning deadly. I urge you to vote in favor of Bill 7, CD 1.		
Name:	Email:	Zip:
Jennifer Chiwa	jennifer.chiwa@gmail.com	96814-2814
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Support	Mar 18, 2025 @ 02:32 AM
Testimony: Aloha Members of the Committee on Public Safety and Customer Services.		

Please support Bill 7 CD 1 to improve the enforcement of fireworks laws. I strongly support any and all efforts to strengthen and improve the enforcement of fireworks laws for the health and safety of the people and animals of Hawaii. Mahalo.

Jennifer Chiwa
Makiki and life long resident of Oahu

Name: Serena Stefanic Phillip	Email: serenaphillip@hawaii.rr.com	Zip: 96717
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Mar 18, 2025 @ 08:37 AM

Testimony:
I am in support of Bill007(25).

Name: Natalie Graham-Wood	Email: ngrahamwood@hotmail.com	Zip: 96712-9719
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Mar 18, 2025 @ 01:53 PM

Testimony:
I support Bill 007 (2025). My name is Natalie Graham-Wood and I live at Sunset Beach, Oahu.



Hawaiian Humane Society

People for animals. Animals for people.

Date: March 17, 2025

To: Chair Tommy Waters
Vice Chair Matt Weyer
and Members of the City Council

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

RE: Support for Bill 7, CD1, Relating to the Fire Code
Wednesday, March 19, 2025, 10 a.m., City Council Chamber

On behalf of the Hawaiian Humane Society, mahalo for considering our support of Bill 7, CD1, Relating to the Fire Code, which addresses fireworks use and violations in the City and County of Honolulu.

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 aligning city ordinances with state statutes and removing barriers to law enforcement.

We also support the increased penalties in the proposed draft from Councilmember Radiant Cordero.

Hawaiian Humane has long educated our community about keeping pets safe from the terror of fireworks around New Years and July 4, but these bombs increasingly go off for months at a time without warning. That makes it impossible for pet owners to prepare and creates sustained stress on people and animals, which can do lasting damage to their emotional, mental and physical health.

Please pass Bill 7 and give law enforcement a clear pathway toward holding the perpetrators of these crimes accountable. Mahalo for your consideration.