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STATE OF HAWAII  
DEPARTMENT OF LABOR AND INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS  
State Fire Council  
830 Punchbowl Street  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

April 8, 2009

The Honorable Robert Herkes, Chair  
Committee on Consumer Protection and Commerce  
House of Representatives  
State Capitol, Room 320  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Chair Herkes:

Subject: H.C.R. 187, H.R. 153 Requesting a Study on Control Measures for Volatile Organic Compound Emissions from Paint Spray Booths Used by Auto Body Refinishers

I am Kenneth G. Silva, Chair of the State Fire Council (SFC) and Fire Chief of the Honolulu Fire Department (HFD). The SFC and the HFD support H.C.R. 187, H.R. 153, which requests a study on control measures for volatile organic compound emissions from paint spray booths used by auto body refinishers. We will support a cooperative effort to work with the mentioned agencies to develop solutions to reduce emissions from spray booth businesses that create health issues for neighboring residents.

The fire code prescribes minimum requirements necessary to establish a reasonable level of fire, life-safety, and property protection from the hazards of fire, explosion, and dangerous conditions. The fire code evolves as a result of advances in building material technology and the lessons learned from fires involving injury and deaths to minimize the devastating results that may occur.

The SFC and the HFD urge your committee's support on the passage of H.C.R. 187, H.R. 153. We look forward to this opportunity to improve our community environment and safety.

Should you have any questions, please call HFD Legislative Liaison Lloyd Rogers at 723-7171.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "K. G. Silva".

KENNETH G. SILVA  
Chair

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