

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 243

Honolulu, Hawaii

Feb 13, 2009

RE: H.B. No. 398  
H.D. 1

Honorable Calvin K.Y. Say  
Speaker, House of Representatives  
Twenty-Fifth State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2009  
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Public Safety, to which was referred H.B. No. 398 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO FIREWORKS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this bill is to protect the health of communities throughout Hawaii by establishing a statewide ban on fireworks.

The American Lung Association of Hawaii and numerous concerned individuals supported this bill. The State Fire Council, Honolulu Fire Department, Department of the Prosecuting Attorney of the City and County of Honolulu, and the Kauai Fire Department supported the intent of this measure. Legislative Information Services of Hawaii and Pinky's 5 Eight opposed this bill. A concerned individual submitted comments.

Upon further consideration, your Committee has amended this measure by deleting its contents and inserting the substance of House Bill No. 966 which allows counties to enact ordinances or adopt rules regulating fireworks that are more restrictive than the state law regulating fireworks under Chapter 132D, Hawaii Revised Statutes.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Public Safety that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No.

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398, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 398, H.D. 1, and be referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Respectfully submitted on  
behalf of the members of the  
Committee on Public Safety,



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FAYE HANOHANO, Chair



