

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: S.B. No. 563

Honorable Colleen Hanabusa  
President of the Senate  
Twenty-Fifth State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2009  
State of Hawaii

Madam:

Your Committee on Public Safety and Military Affairs, to which was referred S.B. No. 563 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO FIREWORKS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to prohibit counties from enacting fireworks ordinances that are less restrictive than state law.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the State Fire Council; Honolulu Fire Department; Kauai Fire Department; and American Lung Association. Comments were received from the Legislative Information Services of Hawaii. Written testimony presented to the Committee may be reviewed on the Legislature's website.

Current law prohibits counties from enacting fireworks ordinances that are more restrictive than state law. The intent of this measure is to remove that prohibition, clarifying that counties may enact ordinances that are more restrictive than state law.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Public Safety and Military Affairs that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 563 and recommends that it pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Transportation, International and Intergovernmental Affairs.



Respectfully submitted on  
behalf of the members of the  
Committee on Public Safety and  
Military Affairs,

*Will Espero*

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WILL ESPERO, Chair



