
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THAT EACH COUNTY ESTABLISH AN ILLEGAL FIREWORKS
HOTLINE PROGRAM.

1 WHEREAS, fireworks are used throughout the state of Hawaii
2 as a means of celebration and festivity for social, cultural,
3 and recreational purposes; and
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5 WHEREAS, in many instances residents use illegal fireworks
6 that not only are a public nuisance to residents, but cause
7 serious injury to those who use them improperly or without the
8 necessary knowledge; and
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10 WHEREAS, in recent years the number of illegal fireworks
11 used throughout the state has grown exponentially, with the
12 number of permits to use fireworks legally lessening year by
13 year and last year; and
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15 WHEREAS, in a 2009 arrest the police - working with the
16 Fire Department, U.S. Customs and Border Protection, Coast Guard
17 and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives -
18 recovered 589 cases of illegal fireworks weighing 13,400 pounds
19 with a street value of about \$150,000 to \$200,000; and
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21 WHEREAS, fireworks, especially those that are deemed
22 illegal cause discomfort and distress to young children,
23 individuals suffering from disabilities, pets, senior citizens,
24 and those suffering from asthma and respiratory illnesses; and
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26 WHEREAS, in December of 2009, Honolulu Police Department
27 Chief of Police Louis Kealoha issued a public statement asking
28 for the public's help in catching culprits that are using
29 illegal fireworks; now, therefore,
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31 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
32 Twenty-fifth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session



1 of 2010, the Senate concurring, that each county is requested to
2 establish, through county ordinance, an illegal fireworks
3 hotline program to report violations of Section 132D-5 of the
4 Hawaii Revised Statutes; and

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6 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that each county make available a
7 confidential an illegal fireworks hotline for the purpose of
8 accepting calls from persons wishing to report use of illegal
9 fireworks, and that an informant calling into the fireworks
10 hotline may pass along information of a violation of this
11 chapter anonymously or not; and

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13 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that there be established within the
14 state fire council for administrative purposes an illegal
15 fireworks hotline to stop the importation of illegal fireworks,
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18 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that if the informant chooses to
19 pass along information of a violation of this chapter
20 anonymously, such information be transmitted to the police
21 department of the county the informant resides in, and

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23 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that each county is requested to
24 assign one representative whose duty shall include the
25 investigation of firework use violations; and

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27 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
28 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Governor, the Mayor
29 of the City and County of Honolulu, the Mayor of the County of
30 Hawaii, the Mayor of the County of Maui, and the Mayor of the
31 County of Kauai.

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