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A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO FIRE PROTECTION.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:

1 SECTION 1. The purpose of this Act is to impose a total
2 ban on aerial luminaries, also known as sky lanterns. The
3 legislature finds that aerial luminaries, also known as sky
4 lanterns, pose a potential hazard to our community. These
5 devices are paper lanterns containing a small candle or other
6 fuel that heats air inside the lantern causing the lantern to
7 rise for several hundred feet and remain airborne until the
8 candle extinguishes, at which time the lantern descends. This
9 uncontrolled open flame device can land on combustible
10 vegetation or buildings, power lines, and interfere with
11 aircraft flight patterns. Death or serious injury to livestock
12 has been reported in many countries when the sky lantern remains
13 are consumed.

14 SECTION 2. A new section is added to the Hawaii Revised
15 Statutes to be appropriately designated and to read as follows:

16 "§ _____ - Aerial luminaries; prohibited. (a) It shall
17 be unlawful to sell, offer for sale, distribute, possess,



1 ignite, or otherwise use aerial luminaries, commonly known as
2 sky lanterns, Hawaii lanterns, and flying luminaries.

3 (b) Any person who violates this section shall be guilty
4 of a misdemeanor and shall be imprisoned for not more than one
5 year or fined not more than \$1,000, or both for each violation.

6 (c) As used in this section, "aerial luminary" refers to
7 airborne paper lanterns containing a small candle or other
8 device for fuel that heats air from inside the lantern causing
9 the lantern to rise into the air and remain airborne until the
10 candle extinguishes."

11 SECTION 3. New statutory material is underscored.

12 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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INTRODUCED BY:



By Request



S.B. NO. 2152

Report Title:

Fire Protection; Fire Council Package

Description:

Bans the ignition, possession, selling, and use of aerial luminaries.

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