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HOUSE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE VARIOUS GOVERNMENT ENTITIES RESPONSIBLE FOR INSPECTING CARGO SHIPMENTS TO HAWAII TO COORDINATE THEIR EFFORTS TO ENSURE THAT EVERY SHIPPING CONTAINER IS INSPECTED FOR ILLEGAL GOODS.

WHEREAS, eight years have passed since the City and County 1 2 of Honolulu enacted a ban on most consumer fireworks; and 3 4 WHEREAS, during the period from December 31, 2018, to January 1, 2019, the Honolulu Fire Department responded to nine 5 fires, some of which were believed to have been started by 6 7 illegal fireworks; and 8 9 WHEREAS, news reports and video recordings from earlier this year depict numerous instances of illegal firework use 10 throughout Oahu during the period of December 31, 2018, to 11 12 January 1, 2019; and 13 14 WHEREAS, it is believed that most fireworks that are 15 illegally obtained and ignited during new year festivities arrived in Hawaii via shipping containers; and 16 17 18 WHEREAS, Hawaii harbors receive more than two hundred 19 thousand shipping containers annually, the vast majority of which are not inspected for any illegal materials; now, 20 therefore, 21 22 23 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the Thirtieth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 24 2019, that the United States Coast Guard, Department of 25 26 Transportation, Department of Agriculture, Department of Public 27 Safety, and Honolulu Police Department are requested to 28 coordinate their inspections of shipping containers to ensure 29 that every shipping container that arrives in Hawaii is inspected or scanned for illegal fireworks, drugs, and firearms; 30 31 and



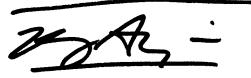
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2 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this 3 Resolution be transmitted to the Commander of the Fourteenth 4 Coast Guard District, Director of Transportation, Director of 5 Agriculture, Director of Public Safety, and Honolulu Police 6 Chief.

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