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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.

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