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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

ENCOURAGING THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, IN CONSULTATION WITH ANY OTHER STATE AGENCY WITH EXPERTISE IN TECHNOLOGICAL RESEARCH, TO CONDUCT RESEARCH ON TECHNOLOGY THAT CAN SCAN SHIPPING CONTAINERS FOR ANY TYPE OF ILLEGAL FIREWORK BEING IMPORTED INTO THE STATE.

1 WHEREAS, the use of illegal aerial fireworks in the State
2 continues to cause significant disruption and concern for
3 residents and visitors; and
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5 WHEREAS, over the years, the Honolulu Police Department has
6 received thousands of complaints and made numerous arrests
7 relating to the use of illegal fireworks; and
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9 WHEREAS, illegal fireworks have also caused physical
10 injuries and damaged property, including the death of an Oahu
11 resident in 2016; and
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13 WHEREAS, the ease of importing illegal fireworks into the
14 State is a public safety concern that impacts all residents and
15 visitors of the State; and
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17 WHEREAS, the inspection of shipping containers is a major
18 element in the fight against the importation of illegal
19 fireworks; and
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21 WHEREAS, over ninety percent of the more than two hundred
22 thousand shipping cargo containers that arrive in Hawaii each
23 year are from the continental United States; and
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25 WHEREAS, however, only a small fraction of these containers
26 are inspected by government agencies; and
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28 WHEREAS, the lack of sufficient cargo inspections increases
29 the opportunity for illegal fireworks to enter the State; and
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1 WHEREAS, new technologies are constantly being developed to
2 assist law enforcement in detecting illegal fireworks; now,
3 therefore,
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5 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Thirtieth Legislature
6 of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2019, the House of
7 Representatives concurring, that the Department of
8 Transportation, in consultation with any other state agency with
9 expertise in technological research, is encouraged to conduct
10 research on technology that can scan shipping containers for any
11 type of illegal firework being imported into the State; and
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13 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of
14 Transportation is requested to submit a report of its findings
15 and recommendations, including any proposed legislation, to the
16 Legislature no later than twenty days prior to the convening of
17 the Regular Session of 2020; and
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19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this
20 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Director of
21 Transportation.
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OFFERED BY: 

