

FEB 28 2019

---

---

# SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

URGING THE POLICE DEPARTMENTS OF EACH COUNTY TO ADOPT NEW  
FIREWORKS DETECTION TECHNOLOGIES TO ENFORCE FIREWORKS LAWS.

1           WHEREAS, the people of the State deserve to live in peace  
2 and security, without the public safety risks, health hazards,  
3 and disruptive impacts of illegal fireworks; and  
4

5           WHEREAS, the use of illegal fireworks poses major safety  
6 risks, including the risk of large fires that may threaten  
7 lives, homes, businesses, and fragile native ecosystems; and  
8

9           WHEREAS, fireworks also emit large quantities of smoke that  
10 can pose health risks and make breathing difficult, especially  
11 for those with preexisting respiratory issues; and  
12

13           WHEREAS, illegal fireworks may also unnecessarily  
14 exacerbate post-traumatic stress in the State's veterans; and  
15

16           WHEREAS, despite numerous laws and ordinances attempting to  
17 address the issue of illegal fireworks, their use continues  
18 because county police often have a difficult time enforcing  
19 existing laws; and  
20

21           WHEREAS, new technologies allow law enforcement officers to  
22 instantly detect and locate the explosion of a firework; and  
23

24           WHEREAS, these products were originally introduced to  
25 assist law enforcement in detecting gunshots, but could be  
26 adapted to assist police departments in the enforcement of  
27 fireworks laws; and  
28

29           WHEREAS, ShotSpotter is one such product that is currently  
30 being used by over ninety cities nationwide; and  
31

32           WHEREAS, by informing police almost instantaneously where  
33 illicit fireworks are being set off, these technologies will



# S.C.R. NO. 25

1 better equip county police to enforce fireworks laws; now,  
2 therefore,

3  
4 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Thirtieth Legislature  
5 of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2019, the House of  
6 Representatives concurring, that the Honolulu Police Department,  
7 Hawaii County Police Department, Kauai County Police Department,  
8 and Maui County Police Department are respectfully urged to  
9 adopt products that can instantly detect and locate the use of  
10 fireworks to assist in the enforcement of the State's fireworks  
11 laws; and

12  
13 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
14 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the mayor of each  
15 county, the chair of each county council, and the chief of  
16 police of each county police department.

17  
18  
19

OFFERED BY: Kurt Fowle

DK

RL

Quincy-H. Bick

John Merenda K.

