
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO EXPLOSION DETECTION TECHNOLOGY.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that the people of the
2 State deserve to live in peace and security, without the public
3 safety risks, health hazards, and traumatic impacts of illegal
4 gunfire and illegal fireworks use.

5 The legislature also finds that new technologies allow law
6 enforcement officers to instantly detect and locate the
7 geographic origin of explosions caused by gunfire or illegal
8 fireworks. According to a police department in Denver, the
9 department's use of this technology allows them to receive
10 notification of gunshots within forty seconds and respond to
11 within twenty-five feet of an actual crime scene. The
12 legislature notes that ShotSpotter is one product that is
13 currently being used by more than ninety cities nationwide.

14 The legislature further finds that these technologies were
15 originally developed to assist law enforcement in detecting
16 gunshots but may also equip police departments to enforce
17 fireworks laws.



1 The purpose of this Act is to require a police department
2 in a county having a population of more than five hundred
3 thousand to create a working group to study the feasibility of
4 purchasing and deploying explosion detection technology for
5 departmental use.

6 SECTION 2. (a) The police department of each county
7 having a population of more than five hundred thousand shall
8 create a working group to study the feasibility of purchasing
9 and deploying explosion detection technology for the purpose of
10 assisting in locating and responding to explosions caused by the
11 illegal use of firearms and fireworks.

12 (b) Members of the working group shall include the:

13 (1) Attorney general;

14 (2) Chief of the police department for a county
15 having a population of more than five hundred
16 thousand; and

17 (3) Prosecuting attorney for a county having a
18 population of more than five hundred thousand.

19 SECTION 3. The working group shall submit a report of its
20 findings and recommendations, including any proposed



1 legislation, to the legislature no later than twenty days prior
2 to the convening of the regular session of 2021.

3 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2050.



Report Title:

Public Safety; Explosion Detection Technology; Working Group

Description:

Requires the police department of each county having a population of more than five hundred thousand to establish a working group to study the feasibility of purchasing and deploying explosion detection technology for the purpose of assisting in locating and responding to explosions caused by the illegal use of firearms and fireworks. Effective 7/1/2050.
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