

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

2133

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 14 2020

RE: S.B. No. 3029

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate
Thirtieth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2020
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Public Safety, Intergovernmental, and
Military Affairs, to which was referred S.B. No. 3029 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO FIREWORKS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to increase the
maximum fine for certain fireworks-related violations.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure
from the State Fire Council, Honolulu Fire Department, Hawai'i Fire
Department, and Maui Fire Department. Your Committee received
testimony in opposition to this measure from one individual.

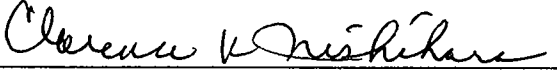
Your Committee finds that the unlawful use of fireworks
creates public health hazards and strains the emergency response
capabilities of public safety agencies. Your Committee further
finds that illegal fireworks are an ongoing issue in Hawaii and
each year, there is an abundance of illegal fireworks, despite all
the deterrents that are in place at the State level. Your
Committee also finds that to address the issue of illegal
fireworks, the Legislature enacted Act 170, Session Laws of Hawaii
2010, which established an Illegal Fireworks Task Force to develop
a plan and make recommendations to stop the importation of illegal
fireworks and explosives into Hawaii. According to the 2011
report of the Illegal Fireworks Task Force, increasing fines
associated with illegal fireworks and explosives may act as a
stronger deterrent to the illegal importation of fireworks. This



measure will curtail the use of illegal fireworks by increasing the fines for the use of illegal fireworks in the State.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Public Safety, Intergovernmental, and Military Affairs that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 3029 and recommends that it pass Second Reading and be referred to your Committee on Judiciary.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Public Safety,
Intergovernmental, and Military
Affairs,


CLARENCE K. NISHIHARA, Chair



