A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO FIREWORKS.

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

- 1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that the use of illegal
- 2 fireworks has substantially increased in recent years. The
- 3 purpose of this Act is to:
- 4 (1) Require the fireworks and articles pyrotechnic records
- 5 auditor for each county to submit an annual report to
- 6 the legislature detailing inventory, recordkeeping,
- 7 and sales of fireworks to license or permit holders;
- 8 and
- 9 (2) Make a grant-in-aid to each county's fire department
- 10 to cover costs associated with reporting the
- information to the legislature.
- 12 SECTION 2. Section 132D-11, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
- 13 amended by amending subsection (a) to read as follows:
- 14 "(a) The fee for the license required under section 132D-7
- 15 shall be \$3,000 for importers, \$2,000 for each wholesaler's
- 16 site, \$1,000 for each storage site, and \$500 for each retailer's
- 17 site for each year or fraction of a year in which the licensee

- 1 plans to conduct business and shall be payable to the county.
- 2 The license fees shall be used solely by each county fire
- 3 department to pay for the salary of an auditor of fireworks and
- 4 articles pyrotechnic records and all expenses incurred to
- 5 fulfill the duties required, including the inspection of
- 6 inventory and storage facilities, maintenance of required
- 7 records, and the training of the auditor. The auditor of
- 8 fireworks and articles pyrotechnic records shall monitor strict
- 9 inventory and recordkeeping requirements to ensure that sales of
- 10 fireworks or articles pyrotechnic are made only to license or
- 11 permit holders under this chapter. The auditor of fireworks and
- 12 articles pyrotechnic records shall provide to the legislature an
- 13 annual report no later than twenty days prior to the convening
- 14 of each regular session detailing the inventory, recordkeeping,
- 15 and sales of fireworks to license or permit holders. The county
- 16 shall provide an exemption from the fees under this section to
- 17 nonprofit community groups for importation and storage of
- 18 fireworks or articles pyrotechnic for displays once a year."
- 19 SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the general
- 20 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so
- 21 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2022-2023 as a

- 1 grant-in-aid for the purpose of reporting the information
- 2 required by section 2 of this Act, to be allocated to the
- 3 counties as follows:
- 4 (1) \$ to the city and county of Honolulu;
- 5 (2) \$ to the county of Maui;
- 6 (3) \$ to the county of Hawaii; and
- 7 (4) \$ to the county of Kauai.
- 8 SECTION 4. New statutory material is underscored.
- 9 SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2050.

Report Title:

Fireworks; Audit; County Fire Departments; Annual Report; Grant-In-Aid

Description:

Requires the auditor of fireworks and articles pyrotechnic records for each county fire department to submit an annual report to the Legislature detailing inventory, recordkeeping, and sales of fireworks to license or permit holders. Makes a grant-in-aid to the counties to cover costs associated with reporting the information to the Legislature. Effective 7/1/2050. (SD3)

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