

Honolulu, Hawaii
MAR 04, 2022

RE: H.B. No. 1689
H.D. 1

Honorable Scott K. Saiki
Speaker, House of Representatives
Thirty-First State Legislature
Regular Session of 2022
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce, to which was referred H.B. No. 1689, H.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO FIREWORKS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Require shippers with knowledge that their cargo includes fireworks or articles pyrotechnic to report certain information to applicable county fire departments; and
- (2) Authorize county fire departments to enter shippers' vessels for the purpose of inspecting any shipment declared on the shipping manifest as fireworks or articles pyrotechnic.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the State Fire Council, Maui Fire Department, Honolulu Fire Department, Pearl City Neighborhood Board No. 21, Hawaiian Humane Society, Animal Rights Hawai'i, Aloha Animal Advocates, and five individuals. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from one individual. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Matson Navigation Company, Inc.



Your Committee finds that the igniting of fireworks and articles pyrotechnics in violation of the Fireworks Control Law has been and continues to be an issue in communities throughout the State. The ignition of fireworks and articles pyrotechnics pose various health, safety, and property risks, including potential fire damage to homes, fire and explosion-related injuries, respiratory distress caused by the air pollution, and retraumatizing persons with the loud explosions.

Your Committee further finds that further mechanisms are necessary to enforce the Fireworks Control Law. This measure will empower counties in their enforcement by increasing their ability to scrutinize the multimodal transportation of fireworks. As this measure advances through the legislative process, your Committee believes that consideration should be given to using the point of delivery as the point of inspection, as the point of delivery may be the more optimal opportunity for inspections of vessels.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1689, H.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Consumer
Protection & Commerce,



AARON LING JOHANSON, Chair



State of Hawaii
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The Thirty-first Legislature

HSCR 917-22

Record of Votes of the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce

Bill/Resolution No.: HB 1689, HD1	Committee Referral: TRN, CPC	Date: 3-2-22		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.				
The recommendation is to: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended (as is) <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments (HD) <input type="checkbox"/> Hold <input type="checkbox"/> Pass short form bill with HD to recommit for future public hearing (recommit)				
CPC Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. JOHANSON, Aaron Ling (C)	✓			
2. KITAGAWA, Lisa (VC)	✓			
3. AQUINO, Henry J.C.	✓			
4. HAR, Sharon E.	✓			
5. HASHEM, Mark J.				✓
6. KONG, Sam Satoru	✓			
7. MIZUNO, John M.				✓
8. MORIKAWA, Dee	✓			
9. ONISHI, Richard H.K.	✓			
10. TARNAS, David A.	✓			
11. MATSUMOTO, Lauren	✓			
TOTAL (11)	9	0	0	2
The recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted If joint referral, _____ did not support recommendation. committee acronym(s)				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature:				
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