

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 1491 -22

Honolulu, Hawaii
, 2022

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RE: H.R. No. 37
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 Transportation, to which was referred H.R. No. 37 entitled:

"HOUSE RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE AUDITOR TO CONDUCT AN AUDIT OF HARBOR INSPECTION PROCEDURES OF STATE DEPARTMENTS AND FEDERAL AGENCIES FOR SHIPPING CONTAINERS TO PREVENT THE IMPORTATION OF ILLEGAL FIREWORKS INTO THE STATE,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to request the Auditor to conduct an audit of current harbor inspection procedures of state departments and federal agencies for out-of-state and interisland arrivals of shipping containers to prevent the importation of illegal fireworks into the State.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Kihei Community Association. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from one individual. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Transportation and Office of the Auditor.

Your Committee finds that despite the ban on aerial fireworks and certain other consumer fireworks, there continues to be numerous instances of illegal firework use in the State. Additionally, the lack of sufficient cargo inspections increases the opportunity for illegal fireworks to enter the State.

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Therefore, an audit of current harbor inspection procedures of state departments for shipping containers would outline current inspection procedures at state harbors, identify any shortcomings in the current procedures, and determine any necessary changes that would reduce the volume of illegal fireworks being imported into the State.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Deleting language that would have requested the Auditor to conduct an audit of current harbor inspection procedures of federal agencies for shipping containers;
- (2) Amending its title in accordance with its amended purpose; and
- (3) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Transportation that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of H.R. No. 37, as amended herein, and recommends that it be referred to your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce in the form attached hereto as H.R. No. 37, H.D. 1.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Transportation,


HENRY J.C. AQUINO, Chair



