STAND. COM. REP. NO. 1225-22

Honolulu, Hawaii
MAR 2 2 , 2022

RE: S.B. No. 2923 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 S.B. No. 2923 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO FIREWORKS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to increase the generally applicable statutory fine and fine for homeowner liability under the Fireworks Control Law from \$2,000 to \$5,000.

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

Your Committee finds that the illegal use of fireworks continues to cause significant disruption and concern in communities throughout the State. Illegal aerial fireworks and improvised explosive devices have substantially increased in recent years, which have resulted in serious injuries, property damage, and fatalities. Your Committee further finds that a stronger deterrent is therefore needed to curtail the use of illegal fireworks. Increasing the fines associated with illegal fireworks, as proposed by this measure, may act as such a deterrent.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

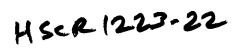
- (1) Changing the effective date to January 1, 2050, to encourage further discussion; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2923, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2923, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Finance.

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

AARON LUG JOHANSON, Chair

## State of Hawaii House of Representatives The Thirty-first Legislature



## **Record of Votes of the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce**

Bill/Resolution No.: 5B 2923	Committee Referral:	Date: 3/17	7/22	
SB 2923 CPC, FIN 3/17/22  The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.				
The recommendation is to:  Pass, unamended (as is)  Pass, with amendments (HD)  Hold  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)	V			
2. KITAGAWA, Lisa (VC)				
3. AQUINO, Henry J.C.				
4. HAR, Sharon E.	<b>✓</b>			
5. HASHEM, Mark J.				
6. KONG, Sam Satoru				
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7. MIZUNO, John M.	V	Control of the Contro		A Communication of the second control of the
8. MORIKAWA, Dee				
9. ONISHI, Richard H.K.				
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10. TARNAS, David A.				
11. MATSUMOTO, Lauren				
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The recommendation is:  Adopted  If joint referral, did not support recommendation.  committee acronym(s)				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature:				
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