

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: S.B. No. 2923

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate
Thirty-First State Legislature
Regular Session of 2022
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Judiciary, 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 and intent of this measure is to increase the maximum fine that may be assessed per fireworks-related violation from \$2,000 to \$5,000; provided that the fireworks violation does not otherwise have a specific penalty enumerated in statute.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Public Safety and one individual. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from one individual.

Your Committee finds that the use of aerial fireworks, including during celebrations, continues to cause significant disruption and concern and that a stronger deterrent is needed to curtail the use of illegal fireworks. According to the Report of the Illegal Fireworks Task Force to the Legislature for the Regular Session of 2011, increasing fines associated with illegal fireworks may act as a stronger deterrent. Your Committee believes that this measure will reduce the use of aerial fireworks, including during celebrations, by increasing the maximum fine that may be assessed per fireworks-related violation from \$2,000 to \$5,000; provided that the fireworks violation does not otherwise have a specific penalty enumerated in statute.



As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Judiciary that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2923 and recommends that it pass Second Reading and be referred to your Committee on Ways and Means.

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



KARL RHOADS, Chair



The Senate
Thirty-First Legislature
State of Hawai'i

Record of Votes
Committee on Judiciary
JDC

Bill / Resolution No.:* SB 2923	Committee Referral: JDC, NAM	Date: 02-10-22		
<input type="checkbox"/> The Committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure. If so, then the previous decision was to: _____				
The Recommendation is:				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312 <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311 <input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310 <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
RHOADS, Karl (C)	✓			
KEOHOKALOLE, Jarrett (VC)				✓
ACASIO, Laura	✓			
GABBARD, Mike				✓
KIM, Donna Mercado	✓			
LEE, Chris	✓			
FEVELLA, Kurt	✓			
TOTAL	5	-	-	2
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: <i>Karl Rhoads</i>				
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*Only one measure per Record of Votes