

Honolulu, Hawaii

APR 28 2023

RE: S.B. No. 821
S.D. 1
H.D. 2
C.D. 1

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate
Thirty-Second State Legislature
Regular Session of 2023
State of Hawaii

Honorable Scott K. Saiki
Speaker, House of Representatives
Thirty-Second State Legislature
Regular Session of 2023
State of Hawaii

Sirs:

Your Committee on Conference on the disagreeing vote of the Senate to the amendments proposed by the House of Representatives in S.B. No. 821, S.D. 1, H.D. 2, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO FIREWORKS,"

having met, and after full and free discussion, has agreed to recommend and does recommend to the respective Houses the final passage of this bill in an amended form.

The purpose of this measure is to establish an Illegal Fireworks Task Force to plan, coordinate, and engage in law enforcement operations to interdict illegal fireworks; develop a comprehensive strategic plan to stop the importation of illegal fireworks and explosives into the State; promote compliance with the state fireworks control laws; and ensure the safety and security of the airports, harbors, and other facilities and institutions in the State against the discharge of illegal fireworks and explosives.

Your Committee on Conference finds that the Fireworks Control Law and its associated penalties have proven to be an inadequate deterrent for the illegal use of fireworks in the State, with the



use of illegal fireworks in the State increasing in recent years and fireworks going off in certain neighborhoods for months at a time. This measure will reduce the usage of illegal fireworks in the State and address the inadequacies of the Fireworks Control Law.

Your Committee on Conference has amended this measure by:

- (1) Adding the requisite information for making an appropriation in excess of the general fund expenditure ceiling pursuant to article VII, section 9, of the Hawaii State Constitution and sections 37-91 and 37-93, Hawaii Revised Statutes;
- (2) Inserting an appropriation amount of \$1,250,000 for FY 2023-2024 for the Illegal Fireworks Task Force;
- (3) Inserting an effective date of July 1, 2023; and
- (4) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity and consistency.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the managers of your Committee on Conference that is attached to this report, your Committee on Conference is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 821, S.D. 1, H.D. 2, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Final Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 821, S.D. 1, H.D. 2, C.D. 1.

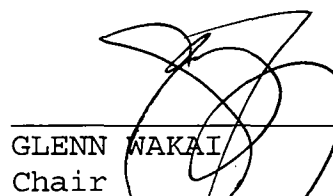
Respectfully submitted on behalf of the managers:

ON THE PART OF THE HOUSE

ON THE PART OF THE SENATE



DAVID A. TARNAS
Co-Chair



GLENN WAKAI
Chair



SCOTT Y. NISHIMOTO
Co-Chair



MICHELLE N. KIDANI
Co-Chair



Record of Votes of a Conference Committee

Bill / Concurrent Resolution No.: SB 821, SD 1, HD 2 Date/Time: 4/28/23 5:03 pm

The recommendation of the House and Senate managers is to pass with amendments (CD). [checked]
The Committee is reconsidering its previous decision. [unchecked]

The recommendation of the Senate Manager(s) is to AGREE to the House amendments made to the Senate Measure [unchecked]
The recommendation of the House Manager(s) is to AGREE to the Senate amendments made to the House Measure. [unchecked]

Table with columns for Senate Managers and House Managers, and sub-columns for A, WR, N, E. Includes names like WAKAI, Glenn, Chr. and TARNAS, David A., Co-Chr. Total counts are 3000 for Senate and 4000 for House.

A = Aye WR = Aye with Reservations N = Nay E = Excused

Senate Recommendation is: [checked] Adopted [unchecked] Not Adopted
House Recommendation is: [checked] Adopted [unchecked] Not Adopted

Senate Lead Chair's or Designee's Signature: [Signature]
House Lead Chair's or Designee's Signature: David Carnes

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