
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO ILLEGAL FIREWORKS TASKFORCE.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:

1 SECTION 1. (a) There shall be established within
2 the department of the attorney general for administrative
3 purposes the 2023 illegal fireworks task force. The task
4 force shall use the findings from the legislative
5 reference bureau's 2019 report, "Blast from the Past: An
6 Update to the Report of the Illegal Fireworks Task Force
7 to the Legislature for the Regular Session of 2011", as
8 the basis for developing a comprehensive strategic plan
9 to stop the importation of illegal fireworks and
10 explosives into Hawaii; promote compliance with the state
11 fireworks control law; and ensure the safety and security
12 of the airports, harbors, and other facilities and
13 institutions in the State against the discharge of
14 illegal fireworks and explosives.

15 (b) The attorney general or attorney general's
16 designee shall be the chair of the task force.

17 (c) The following individuals or their designees
18 shall serve as members of the task force:

19 (1) Adjutant general;



- 1 (2) Chairperson of the board of agriculture;
- 2 (3) Director of public safety;
- 3 (4) Director of transportation;
- 4 (5) Deputy director of the airports division of the
- 5 department of transportation;
- 6 (6) Deputy director of the harbors division of the
- 7 department of transportation;
- 8 (7) Chairperson of the state fire council;
- 9 (8) Chiefs of police of each county police
- 10 department; and
- 11 (9) Prosecuting attorneys of each county.

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13 (d) The chair shall invite representatives of the
14 following federal entities to serve as members of the
15 task force:

- 16 (1) Department of Homeland Security;
- 17 (2) Federal Aviation Administration;
- 18 (3) Federal Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms,
- 19 and Explosives;
- 20 (4) Federal Bureau of Investigation;
- 21 (5) United States Coast Guard;
- 22 (6) United States Customs and Border Protection;



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1 (7) United States Drug Enforcement Administration;
2 and

3 (8) Consumer Product Safety Commission.
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5 (e) The chair shall also invite the following
6 individuals to serve as members of the task force:

7 (1) Two representatives of the shipping and trucking
8 industry; and

9 (2) Two representatives of the fireworks industry.
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11 (f) The task force shall submit a report of its
12 comprehensive strategic plan, including findings,
13 recommendations, and any proposed legislation, to the
14 legislature no later than twenty days prior to the
15 convening of the regular session of 2024.

16 (g) The task force shall be dissolved on June 30,
17 2024.

18 SECTION 2. This Act shall take effect upon its
19 approval.
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Report Title:

2023 Illegal Fireworks Task Force; Attorney General; Fireworks

Description:

Establishes the 2023 illegal fireworks task force within the department of the attorney general to develop a comprehensive strategic plan to stop the importation of illegal fireworks and explosives into the State, promote compliance with the fireworks control law; and ensure the safety and security of airports, harbors, and other facilities and institutions in the State against the discharge of illegal fireworks and explosives. Requires a report to the legislature.

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