

JAN 23 2025

A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO FIREWORKS.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that the illegal use of
2 fireworks poses significant public safety risks in Hawaii,
3 creates serious injuries and health hazards, strains emergency
4 services, and causes property damage. The legislature also
5 finds that, historically, public education and marketing
6 campaigns have proven highly effective in changing public
7 attitudes and behaviors. For example, as a result of sustained
8 smoking cessation campaigns against tobacco use, smoking rates
9 among adults in the United States declined from forty-two per
10 cent to twelve per cent between 1965 and 2022. The legislature
11 believes that a similar public education effort regarding
12 fireworks safety may create lasting changes in community
13 awareness, conduct, and public safety.

14 Accordingly, the purpose of this Act is to require the
15 department of education, in coordination with the department of
16 health, to develop a fireworks education and marketing program



1 for implementation in public schools and distribution to private
2 schools.

3 SECTION 2. Chapter 302A, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
4 amended by adding a new section to part II, subpart C to be
5 appropriately designated and to read as follows:

6 **"§302A- Fireworks education and marketing program. (a)**

7 The department, in coordination with the department of health,
8 shall develop a fireworks education and marketing program
9 devoted to fireworks safety.

10 (b) The department shall ensure that the program is
11 implemented in department schools and charter schools. The
12 department shall also distribute the program to private
13 kindergarten and grade schools in the State."

14 SECTION 3. Chapter 302D, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
15 amended by adding a new section to be appropriately designated
16 and to read as follows:

17 **"§302D- Fireworks education and marketing program. (a)**

18 Each charter school shall implement the fireworks education and
19 marketing program developed by the department and the department
20 of health pursuant to section 302A- .



1 (b) The commission shall cooperate with the department in
2 assisting in the implementation of the program."

3 SECTION 4. New statutory material is underscored.

4 SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2025.

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INTRODUCED BY:

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S.B. NO. 1615

Report Title:

DOE; DOH; Fireworks; Education; Public Schools; Charter Schools;
Private Schools

Description:

Requires the Department Education, in coordination with the Department of Health, to develop a fireworks education and marketing program for implementation in public schools, including charter schools, and distribution to private schools.

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