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# SENATE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO ESTABLISH AND  
OPERATE A PERSONAL AIRCRAFT FIREWORKS INSPECTION PILOT  
PROGRAM.

1           WHEREAS, fireworks-related offenses occur all too often  
2 within the State; and

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4           WHEREAS, the use of illegal fireworks often causes  
5 devastating physical harm to residents; and

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7           WHEREAS, of particular note is the recent mass casualty  
8 incident in Aliamanu on December 31, 2024, in which fireworks  
9 killed at least six people and injured dozens more; and

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11           WHEREAS, the State must take action to prevent the illegal  
12 use of fireworks; and

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14           WHEREAS, diminishing the incoming supply of illegal  
15 fireworks is key to preventing the use of those fireworks; and

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17           WHEREAS, nefarious actors sometimes use private, non-  
18 commercial aircraft to import illegal fireworks into the State;  
19 now, therefore,

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21           BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Thirty-third  
22 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2025,  
23 that the Department of Transportation is requested to establish  
24 and operate a personal aircraft fireworks inspection pilot  
25 program, commencing no later than June 1, 2025, and ending no  
26 sooner than January 1, 2026; and

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28           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that in conducting the pilot  
29 program, the Department of Transportation is requested to  
30 coordinate with appropriate:

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32           (1) Federal, state, or county law enforcement agencies for  
33 the inspection of all personal aircraft entering the  
34 State and landing at any airport owned or controlled  
35 by the department, for the purpose of preventing the



1 unauthozized transportation of fireworks and articles  
2 pyrotechnic into the State; and  
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- 4 (2) Law enforcement agencies or county fire departments to  
5 dispose of prohibited fireworks and articles  
6 pyrotechnic pursuant to section 132D-26, Hawaii  
7 Revised Statutes; and  
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9 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of  
10 Transportation is requested to submit to the Legislature, no  
11 later than January 30, 2026, a report that includes:  
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- 13 (1) An evaluation of the effectiveness of the pilot  
14 program;  
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16 (2) A review of issues that affected the implementation of  
17 the pilot program; and  
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19 (3) Any proposed legislation; and  
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21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
22 Resolution be transmitted to the Director of Transportation, the  
23 Director of Law Enforcement, the chiefs of the county police  
24 departments, and the chiefs of the county fire departments.  
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27 OFFERED BY:

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