

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

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Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 14 , 2025

RE: H.B. No. 508
H.D. 1

Honorable Nadine K. Nakamura
Speaker, House of Representatives
Thirty-Third State Legislature
Regular Session of 2025
State of Hawaii

Madame:

Your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs, to which was referred H.B. No. 508 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO FIREWORKS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to amend Act 67, Session Laws of Hawaii 2023, to:

- (1) Appropriate funds for the Illegal Fireworks Task Force for fiscal year 2025-2026 and 2026-2027; and
- (2) Extend the sunset date to June 30, 2030.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Transportation; Department of Law Enforcement; Honolulu Police Department; Hawaiian Humane Society; and numerous individuals. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from the Libertarian Party of Hawaii and three individuals.

Your Committee finds that the results of the Illegal Fireworks Task Force over the past two years demonstrate the need for sustained funding and administrative support.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

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- (1) Clarifying the appropriation language;
- (2) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (3) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 508, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 508, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Judiciary &
Hawaiian Affairs,



DAVID A. TARNAS, Chair



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Bill/Resolution No.: HB 508		Committee Referral: JHA, FIN		Date: 02/12/2025	
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.					
The recommendation is to: <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended (as is) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments (HD) <input type="checkbox"/> Hold <input type="checkbox"/> Pass short form bill with HD to recommit for future public hearing (recommit)					
JHA Members		Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. TARNAS, David A. (C)		✓			
2. POEPOE, Mahina (VC)		✓			
3. BELATTI, Della Au		✓			
4. COCHRAN, Elle					✓
5. HASHEM, Mark J.		✓			
6. KAHALOA, Kirstin		✓			
7. PERRUSO, Amy A.		✓			
8. TAKAYAMA, Gregg		✓			
9. TODD, Chris		✓			
10. GARCIA, Diamond			✓		
11. SHIMIZU, Garner M.		✓			
TOTAL (11)		9	1	0	1
The recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted If joint referral, _____ did not support recommendation. committee acronym(s)					
Vice Chair's or designee's signature: _____					
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