

JOSH GREEN, M.D.
GOVERNOR
KE KIA'ĀINA



GOV. MSG. NO. 1350

EXECUTIVE CHAMBERS
KE KE'ENA O KE KIA'ĀINA

June 30, 2025

The Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate,
and Members of the Senate
Thirty-Third State Legislature
State Capitol, Room 409
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

The Honorable Nadine Nakamura
Speaker, and Members of the
House of Representatives
Thirty-Third State Legislature
State Capitol, Room 431
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

Aloha President Kouchi, Speaker Nakamura, and Members of the Legislature:

This is to inform you that on June 30, 2025, the following bill was signed into law:

H.B. NO. 806, H.D. 1,
S.D. 2, C.D. 1

RELATING TO FIREWORKS.
ACT 247

Mahalo,

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Josh Green, M.D.
Governor, State of Hawai'i

Approved by the Governor

on JUN 30 2025

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
THIRTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE, 2025
STATE OF HAWAII

ACT 247
H.B. NO. 806
H.D. 1
S.D. 2
C.D. 1

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 widespread use
2 of illegal fireworks poses an extreme danger and lethal risk to
3 public health and safety, resulting in fires, serious burn
4 injuries, and fatalities to innocent bystanders. The cost to
5 the community far outweighs any intrinsic benefit, as numerous
6 lives have been lost over the years from the use of illegal
7 fireworks. In addition, the potential for wildfires in this
8 time of climate change is a real and present danger and is a top
9 priority for all levels of government today.

10 The legislature further finds that fireworks-related
11 tragedies, including the Aliamanu New Year's Eve explosion of
12 2024 that claimed at least six lives, seriously impact entire
13 neighborhoods in urban Honolulu and across the State. Fireworks
14 also emit excessive smoke and other toxins into the air, making
15 breathing difficult for thousands of Hawaii residents with
16 respiratory ailments. Noise from loud fireworks traumatizes
17 many residents, particularly war veterans who may suffer from



1 post-traumatic stress from being in combat. Pets and vulnerable
2 species in their natural habitats also suffer each holiday
3 season when fireworks noise and environmental pollution levels
4 are especially high.

5 The legislature recognizes that, with the increase in
6 fireworks-related calls, public safety agencies are heavily
7 strained to maintain adequate response levels for other critical
8 emergencies, which adds to the cost of state and county
9 resources that could be used for natural disasters and other
10 emergencies. These agencies are often overwhelmed and are not
11 able to stop the thousands of illegal fireworks being used,
12 making it a death trap for thousands of innocent lives who are
13 not involved in illegal fireworks use.

14 The legislature also finds that the State's communities
15 deserve to live in peace and security without the public safety
16 risk and disruptive impact of illegal fireworks. There can be
17 no more gray areas when lives are lost while this black market
18 flourishes.

19 The legislature believes that intelligence-led policing and
20 criminal surveillance of illegal fireworks can be effective
21 approaches in deterring the use of illegal fireworks. An



1 investment of funds to conduct sting operations by law
2 enforcement to enforce fireworks ordinances or laws on Oahu is
3 one of the first steps to effectively reducing the use of
4 illegal fireworks in the State.

5 Accordingly, the purpose of this Act is to appropriate
6 funds to the department of law enforcement for:

7 (1) Sting operations on Oahu to enforce fireworks
8 ordinances or laws; and

9 (2) An explosives and firearms laboratory on Oahu.

10 SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general
11 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$500,000 or so much
12 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2025-2026 and the
13 same sum or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year
14 2026-2027 for the department of law enforcement to conduct sting
15 operations on Oahu to enforce chapter 132D, Hawaii Revised
16 Statutes.

17 The sums appropriated shall be expended by the department
18 of law enforcement for the purposes of this Act.

19 SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the general
20 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$2,000,000 or so much



1 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2025-2026 for an
2 explosives and firearms laboratory on Oahu.

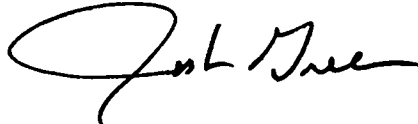
3 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the department of
4 law enforcement for the purposes of this Act.

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



H.B. NO. 806
H.D. 1
S.D. 2
C.D. 1

APPROVED this 30th day of June, 2025

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GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF HAWAII

HB No. 806, HD 1, SD 2, CD 1

THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF HAWAII

Date: April 30, 2025
Honolulu, Hawaii

We hereby certify that the above-referenced Bill on this day passed Final Reading in the House of Representatives of the Thirty-Third Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2025.



Nadine K. Nakamura
Speaker
House of Representatives



Brian L. Takeshita
Chief Clerk
House of Representatives

THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF HAWAI‘I

Date: April 30, 2025
Honolulu, Hawai‘i 96813

We hereby certify that the foregoing Bill this day passed Final Reading in the Senate
of the Thirty-Third Legislature of the State of Hawai‘i, Regular Session of 2025.



President of the Senate



Clerk of the Senate