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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF LAW ENFORCEMENT TO PROVIDE
INFORMATION RELATED TO THE DISPOSAL, DETONATION, AND
DESTRUCTION OF EXPLOSIVES, FIREWORKS, AND SIMILAR HAZARDOUS
MATERIALS IN THE STATE.

1 WHEREAS, the disposal, detonation, and destruction of
2 explosives, fireworks, and other hazardous materials pose
3 inherent safety and environmental risks, particularly when
4 conducted in proximity to residential areas or heavily populated
5 regions; and

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7 WHEREAS, in recent years, concerns have arisen regarding
8 the impact of the disposal, detonation, and destruction of
9 explosives and fireworks on neighboring communities,
10 particularly the noise, air quality, and potential harm to
11 public health and safety; and

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13 WHEREAS, the State and local agencies are entrusted with
14 ensuring that the disposal, detonation, and destruction of
15 explosives, fireworks, and hazardous materials is conducted in a
16 manner that minimizes risk and protects the well-being of the
17 public and the environment; and

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19 WHEREAS, it is crucial to ensure that the protocols
20 followed by the responsible agencies meet the highest standards
21 of safety and best practices, as well as provide transparency
22 and accountability to the affected communities; now, therefore,

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24 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Thirty-third
25 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2025, the
26 House of Representatives concurring, that the Department of Law
27 Enforcement is requested to provide information related to the
28 disposal, detonation, and destruction of explosives, fireworks,
29 and similar hazardous materials in the State; and
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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Law Enforcement is requested to specifically provide:

- (1) A detailed description of the procedures and methods used by the Department of Law Enforcement for the safe disposal, detonation, and destruction of explosives, fireworks, and similar hazardous materials, including but not limited to controlled detonations, incineration, and other disposal methods;
- (2) An explanation of the permitting process for conducting the disposal, detonation, and destruction of hazardous materials, including the criteria for approving these actions and any other agencies involved in authorizing these events; and
- (3) A summary of the safety protocols, environmental safeguards, and best practices employed by the Department of Law Enforcement to ensure that the disposal, detonation, and destruction of hazardous materials do not cause harm to the environment, Department of Law Enforcement staff conducting the operation, and individuals and communities in the vicinity of the hazardous materials as they are being transported and destroyed; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Director of Law Enforcement.

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