

ACT 184

H.B. NO. 497

A Bill for an Act Relating to Fireworks.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Hawaii:

SECTION 1. The legislature finds that the use of consumer fireworks causes fires and burn injuries, mostly to children. Fireworks produce excessive smoke that makes breathing difficult. Loud fireworks noises traumatize many residents, including war veterans, as well as pets. With the increase in fireworks-related calls, public safety agencies are strained to maintain adequate response levels for other critical emergencies. The legislature further finds that people in the State and their communities deserve to live in peace and security, without the public safety risk and disruptive impact of consumer fireworks.

The legislature additionally finds that Act 170, Session Laws of Hawaii 2010 (Act 170), established an illegal fireworks task force, within the legislative reference bureau for administrative purposes, to develop a plan and make recommendations to stop the importation of illegal fireworks and explosives into Hawaii; and develop a strategy to ensure the safety and security of the airports, harbors, and other facilities and institutions in Hawaii against the discharge of illegal fireworks and explosives. Act 170 also mandated the task force to submit a preliminary plan and strategy report to the legislature prior to the Regular Session of 2011.

The purpose of this Act is to require the legislative reference bureau to update its *Report of the Illegal Fireworks Task Force to the Legislature for the Regular Session of 2011*.

SECTION 2. (a) The legislative reference bureau shall review and update the findings and recommendations of its *Report of the Illegal Fireworks Task Force to the Legislature for the Regular Session of 2011*.

(b) The legislative reference bureau may consult with any person, agency, or organization at the bureau's discretion to prepare an updated report pursuant to this section.

(c) The legislative reference bureau shall submit the updated report, including any recommendations and proposed legislation, to the legislature no later than December 1, 2019.

SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

(Approved July 2, 2019.)