



EXECUTIVE CHAMBERS  
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DAVID Y. IGE  
GOVERNOR

July 2, 2019

**GOV. MSG. NO. 1286**

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

The Honorable Scott K. Saiki,  
Speaker and Members of the  
House of Representatives  
Thirtieth State Legislature  
State Capitol, Room 431  
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

Dear President Kouchi, Speaker Saiki, and Members of the Legislature:

This is to inform you that on July 2, 2019, the following bill was signed into law:

HB497 HD1 SD2

RELATING TO FIREWORKS  
**ACT 184 (19)**

Sincerely,

DAVID Y. IGE  
Governor, State of Hawai'i

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

12           The legislature additionally finds that Act 170, Session  
13 Laws of Hawaii 2010 (Act 170), established an illegal fireworks  
14 task force, within the legislative reference bureau for  
15 administrative purposes, to develop a plan and make  
16 recommendations to stop the importation of illegal fireworks and  
17 explosives into Hawaii; and develop a strategy to ensure the



1 safety and security of the airports, harbors, and other  
2 facilities and institutions in Hawaii against the discharge of  
3 illegal fireworks and explosives. Act 170 also mandated the  
4 task force to submit a preliminary plan and strategy report to  
5 the legislature prior to the Regular Session of 2011.

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

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

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

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

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



H.B. NO. 497  
H.D. 1  
S.D. 2

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APPROVED this 02 day of JUL, 2019

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GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF HAWAII

HB No. 497, HD 1, SD 2

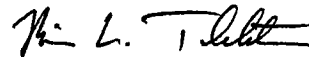
THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF HAWAII

Date: April 24, 2019  
Honolulu, Hawaii

We hereby certify that the above-referenced Bill on this day passed Final Reading in the House of Representatives of the Thirtieth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2019.



Scott K. Saiki  
Speaker  
House of Representatives



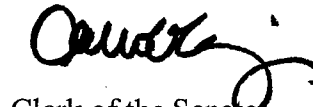
Brian L. Takeshita  
Chief Clerk  
House of Representatives

**THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF HAWAI'I**

Date: April 9, 2019  
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

We hereby certify that the foregoing Bill this day passed Third Reading in the Senate of the Thirtieth Legislature of the State of Hawai'i, Regular Session of 2019.

  
President of the Senate

  
Clerk of the Senate