

STAND. COM. REP. NO. **1223**-22

Honolulu, Hawaii
MAR 22 , 2022

RE: S.B. No. 2923
H.D. 1

Honorable Scott K. Saiki
Speaker, House of Representatives
Thirty-First State Legislature
Regular Session of 2022
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce, to which was referred S.B. No. 2923 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO FIREWORKS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to increase the generally applicable statutory fine and fine for homeowner liability under the Fireworks Control Law from \$2,000 to \$5,000.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the State Fire Council, Maui Fire Department, Honolulu Fire Department, Animal Rights Hawai'i, and six individuals. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from one individual.

Your Committee finds that the illegal use of fireworks continues to cause significant disruption and concern in communities throughout the State. Illegal aerial fireworks and improvised explosive devices have substantially increased in recent years, which have resulted in serious injuries, property damage, and fatalities. Your Committee further finds that a stronger deterrent is therefore needed to curtail the use of illegal fireworks. Increasing the fines associated with illegal fireworks, as proposed by this measure, may act as such a deterrent.

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Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing the effective date to January 1, 2050, to encourage further discussion; and
- (2) 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 Consumer Protection & Commerce that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2923, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2923, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Consumer
Protection & Commerce,



AARON LING JOHANSON, Chair



State of Hawaii
House of Representatives
The Thirty-first Legislature

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Record of Votes of the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce

Bill/Resolution No.: SB 2923	Committee Referral: CPC, FIN	Date: 3/17/22		
<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)				
CPC Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. JOHANSON, Aaron Ling (C)	✓			
2. KITAGAWA, Lisa (VC)	✓			
3. AQUINO, Henry J.C.	✓			
4. HAR, Sharon E.	✓			
5. HASHEM, Mark J.	✓			
6. KONG, Sam Satoru				✓
7. MIZUNO, John M.	✓			
8. MORIKAWA, Dee	✓			
9. ONISHI, Richard H.K.	✓			
10. TARNAS, David A.	✓			
11. MATSUMOTO, Lauren	✓			
TOTAL (11)	10	0	0	1
The recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted If joint referral, _____ did not support recommendation. <div style="text-align: center; font-size: 0.8em;">committee acronym(s)</div>				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature: _____ <div style="text-align: center; font-size: 0.8em;">_____</div>				
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