
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING SHIPPING COMPANIES TO ASSIST THE HONOLULU FIRE
DEPARTMENT WITH ENFORCEMENT OF THE STATE FIREWORKS CONTROL
LAW.

1 WHEREAS, House Bill 3366, introduced during the Regular
2 Session of 2008, proposes to provide the counties more authority
3 to enforce and administer the state fireworks control law; and
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5 WHEREAS, section 132D-7, Hawaii Revised Statutes, states
6 that "a person shall not import, store, offer to sell, or sell,
7 at wholesale or retail, aerial devices, display fireworks,
8 articles pyrotechnic, or consumer fireworks unless the person
9 has a valid license issued by the county"; and
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11 WHEREAS, unlicensed importers and dealers are illegally
12 importing, storing, and selling aerial devices, display
13 fireworks, articles pyrotechnic, and consumer fireworks, and are
14 violating state law; and
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16 WHEREAS, the Honolulu Police Department announced on
17 December 31, 2007 that four thousand three hundred pounds of
18 aerial devices were confiscated from a Palolo home that posed a
19 threat to nearby homes and the community; and
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21 WHEREAS, the United States Custom and Border Protection
22 agency continues to share information with the Honolulu Fire
23 Department when fireworks are imported from a foreign origin;
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26 WHEREAS, cargo, including fireworks, from a foreign origin
27 may be imported into the State domestically if the cargo is
28 transferred in a domestic port to a ship bound for Hawaii; and
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1 WHEREAS, the Department of Transportation – Harbors
 2 Division does not have the resources to inspect all shipping
 3 containers entering the State from a domestic origin; and
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5 WHEREAS, shipping companies do not provide manifest or
 6 shipper information to the Honolulu Fire Department if fireworks
 7 are imported into the State from a domestic origin; now,
 8 therefore,
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10 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
 11 Twenty-Fourth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular
 12 Session of 2008, the Senate concurring, that shipping companies
 13 are requested to assist the Honolulu Fire Department and the
 14 Honolulu Police Department with enforcement of the fireworks
 15 control law by providing information when they see or suspect
 16 the domestic importation of aerial devices, display fireworks,
 17 articles pyrotechnic, or consumer fireworks; and
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19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of
 20 Transportation – Harbors Division is requested to assist the
 21 Honolulu Fire Department and the Honolulu Police Department with
 22 the enforcement of the State fireworks control law; and
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24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
 25 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Chair of the State
 26 Fire Council, the Fire Chief and the Police Chief of the City
 27 and County of Honolulu, and the Director of Transportation, who
 28 in turn is requested to transmit copies to the Matson Navigation
 29 Company, Horizon Lines, Pasha Hawaii Transport Lines, Young
 30 Brothers, Ltd., FedEx Hawaii, United Parcel Service of America,
 31 Inc., DHL International, Ltd., and DHX.
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