

STAND. COM. REP. NO. **3905**

Honolulu, Hawaii

**APR 19 2024**

RE: H.C.R. No. 52  
H.D. 1  
S.D. 1

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi  
President of the Senate  
Thirty-Second State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2024  
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Public Safety and Intergovernmental and Military Affairs, to which was referred H.C.R. No. 52, H.D. 1, entitled:

"HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION URGING THE DEPARTMENT OF LAW ENFORCEMENT, FIRE DEPARTMENTS AND POLICE DEPARTMENTS OF EACH COUNTY, HUMANE SOCIETIES IN EACH COUNTY, AND MEDIA ORGANIZATIONS THROUGHOUT THE STATE TO COLLABORATE TO CREATE AND DISSEMINATE PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENTS TO HIGHLIGHT THE DANGERS OF, AND ADVOCATE AGAINST THE USE OF, ILLEGAL FIREWORKS IN ORDER TO PROTECT THE HEALTH AND SAFETY OF THE COMMUNITY, PETS, AND WILDLIFE,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to urge the Department of Law Enforcement, fire departments and police departments of each county, humane societies in each county, and media organizations throughout the State to collaborate to create and disseminate public service announcements to highlight the dangers of, and advocate against the use of, illegal fireworks in order to protect the health and safety of the community, pets, and wildlife.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Law Enforcement, Department of Land and Natural Resources, and one individual.



Your Committee finds that illegal fireworks in Hawaii pose significant safety, environmental, and health issues throughout the State. Your Committee further finds that while fireworks are viewed as generally safe, injuries are common, psychological trauma can occur, and animals and wildlife are at severe risk. Your Committee concludes that a collaboration with the Department of Law Enforcement, fire departments and police departments of each county, humane societies in each county, and media organizations throughout the State to disseminate a Public Service Announcement is necessary to reduce the significant widespread effects of fireworks.

Your Committee has amended this measure by making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity and consistency.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Public Safety and Intergovernmental and Military Affairs that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of H.C.R. No. 52, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends its adoption in the form attached hereto as H.C.R. No. 52, H.D. 1, S.D. 1.

Respectfully submitted on  
behalf of the members of the  
Committee on Public Safety and  
Intergovernmental and Military  
Affairs,



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GLENN WAKAI, Chair



