

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

1627

Honolulu, Hawaii

APR 02 2025

RE: S.R. No. 207  
S.D. 1

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi  
President of the Senate  
Thirty-Third State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2025  
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committees on Transportation and Culture and the Arts and Public Safety and Military Affairs, to which was referred S.R. No. 207 entitled:

"SENATE RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO INSTALL AND UTILIZE ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT AT EACH STATE AIRPORT AND HARBOR TO SCAN FOR ILLEGAL FIREWORKS,"

beg leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to request the Department of Transportation to install and utilize electronic equipment at each state airport and harbor to scan for illegal fireworks.

Your Committees received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Transportation, Oahu Filipino Community Council, and two individuals.

Your Committees received testimony in opposition to this measure from one individual.

Your Committees received comments on this measure from Matson Navigation Company, Inc.

Your Committees find that the illegal importation and use of fireworks pose significant threats to public safety, property, and the environment in the State. The presence of illegal fireworks



has led to hazardous conditions, including fires, injuries, and disturbances to residents and pets. Your Committees conclude that because current enforcement measures have proven insufficient in preventing the unlawful entry of fireworks into the State, scanning technology at state airports and harbors would serve to curb the import of fireworks.

Your Committees have amended this measure by:

- (1) Specifying that for any commercial harbor, electronic scanning equipment is requested to be installed and utilized away from the harbor to ensure minimal disruptions to the flow of commerce;
- (2) Amending its title accordingly; and
- (3) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity and consistency.

As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committees on Transportation and Culture and the Arts and Public Safety and Military Affairs that are attached to this report, your Committees concur with the intent and purpose of S.R. No. 207, as amended herein, and recommend its adoption in the form attached hereto as S.R. No. 207, S.D. 1.

Respectfully submitted on  
behalf of the members of the  
Committees on Transportation  
and Culture and the Arts and  
Public Safety and Military  
Affairs,



BRANDON J.C. ELEFANTE, Chair



CHRIS LEE, Chair





The Senate  
 Thirty-Third Legislature  
 State of Hawai'i

**Record of Votes**  
**Committee on Public Safety and Military Affairs**  
**PSM**

Bill / Resolution No.:* <b>SR 207</b>	Committee Referral: <b>TCA/PSM</b>	Date: <b>3-24-25</b>		
<input type="checkbox"/> The Committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure. If so, then the previous decision was to: _____				
The Recommendation is: <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311 <input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310 <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
ELEFANTE, Brandon J.C. (C)	✓			
WAKAI, Glenn (VC)	✓			
FUKUNAGA, Carol	✓			
RHOADS, Karl	✓			
DECORTE, Samantha	✓			
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature:				
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