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TESTIMONY ON SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 204  
RELATING TO EXPLOSIVES AND HAZARDOUS MATERIALS DISPOSAL

Before the Senate Committee on  
PUBLIC SAFETY AND MILITARY AFFAIRS

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**WRITTEN TESTIMONY ONLY**

Chair Elefante, Vice Chair Wakai, and members of the Committee:

The Department of Law Enforcement (DLE) provides comments on Senate Concurrent Resolution 204, requesting the Department to provide information related to the disposal, detonation, and destruction of explosives, fireworks, and similar hazardous materials in the State.

This resolution seeks detailed information about DLE's procedures, permitting processes, and safety protocols for disposing of hazardous materials, including explosives and fireworks. As the primary agency responsible for these critical public safety operations, DLE recognizes the importance of transparency in our hazardous materials management practices.

The DLE currently oversees significant disposal operations of confiscated illegal fireworks and explosives in Hawaii. Through the Illegal Fireworks Task Force established by Act 67, Session Laws of Hawaii 2023, we have interdicted and safely disposed of approximately 200,000 pounds of illegal fireworks. The disposal of these

materials requires specialized expertise, strict adherence to safety protocols, and environmental safeguards.

We acknowledge that providing comprehensive information about our disposal procedures will help ensure public confidence in our operations and may assist the Legislature in addressing any needed improvements to current laws and regulations governing hazardous materials management.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments on this resolution.

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**SCR-204**

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
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Comments:

Aloha,

I am in full support of SCR 204. I live near an area which is high risk for rockfalls. During a previous fireworks disposal, my area was affected by the destruction and disposal methods, specifically it caused severe vibrations. I'm concerned that it could dislodge rocks near my home. While I understand that disposal is necessary, the state should conduct more studies about the ramifications and impacts of the disposal.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.