



GOV. MSG. NO. 1243

EXECUTIVE CHAMBERS  
HONOLULU

DAVID Y. IGE  
GOVERNOR

June 30, 2021

The Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi,  
President  
and Members of the Senate  
Thirty First State Legislature  
State Capitol, Room 409  
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

The Honorable Scott K. Saiki,  
Speaker and Members of the  
House of Representatives  
Thirty First State Legislature  
State Capitol, Room 431  
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

Dear President Kouchi, Speaker Saiki, and Members of the Legislature:

This is to inform you that on June 30, 2021, the following bill was signed into law:

HB1102 HD1 SD2

RELATING TO LITTER CONTROL  
**ACT 141 (21)**

Sincerely,

DAVID Y. IGE  
Governor, State of Hawai'i

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Approved by the Governor

JUN 30 2021

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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
THIRTY-FIRST LEGISLATURE, 2021  
STATE OF HAWAII

ACT 141  
H.B. NO. 1102  
H.D. 1  
S.D. 2

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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO LITTER CONTROL.

**BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:**

1           SECTION 1. The legislature finds that the release of  
2 balloons inflated with lighter-than-air gases poses a danger and  
3 nuisance to the environment, particularly to wildlife and marine  
4 animals. Many animals are attracted to the bright colors of  
5 balloons and mistake them for food, which can cause an animal  
6 severe injury or death. Animals are often found entangled in  
7 balloon strings and, as a result, are injured or strangled to  
8 death. The legislature further finds that several states,  
9 including California, Connecticut, Florida, New Jersey,  
10 Tennessee, and Virginia, as well as numerous counties in other  
11 states, have prohibited the release of balloons inflated with  
12 lighter-than-air gases.

13           The purpose of this Act is to prohibit the intentional  
14 release of balloons inflated with gas that is lighter than air.

15           SECTION 2. Chapter 339, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
16 amended by adding a new section to be appropriately designated  
17 and to read as follows:



1           "§339-       Intentional release of balloons; prohibition.

2    (a) No person or entity shall intentionally release, organize

3    the release of, or otherwise cause the release of a balloon

4    inflated with a gas that is lighter than air, except for:

5           (1) A balloon released for scientific or meteorological

6           purposes, on behalf of a governmental agency or

7           pursuant to a governmental contract;

8           (2) A hot air balloon that is recovered after launching;

9           or

10          (3) A balloon that is released and remains indoors.

11          (b) Any person or entity who violates this section shall

12    be subject to a civil penalty of no more than \$500 for each

13    offense. For the purposes of this section, the release of

14    multiple balloons at one time shall be considered a single

15    offense."

16           SECTION 3. New statutory material is underscored.

17           SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on January 1, 2023.

APPROVED this 30 day of JUN , 2021



GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF HAWAII

HB No. 1102, HD 1, SD 2

THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF HAWAII

Date: April 22, 2021  
Honolulu, Hawaii

We hereby certify that the above-referenced Bill on this day passed Final Reading in the House of Representatives of the Thirty-First Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2021.



Scott K. Saiki  
Speaker  
House of Representatives



Brian L. Takeshita  
Chief Clerk  
House of Representatives

**THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF HAWAI‘I**

Date: April 13, 2021  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

We hereby certify that the foregoing Bill this day passed Third Reading in the Senate of the Thirty-First Legislature of the State of Hawai‘i, Regular Session of 2021.

  
President of the Senate

  
Clerk of the Senate