

STAND. COM. REP. NO. **325**

Honolulu, Hawaii

**FEB 18 2021**

RE: S.B. No. 513

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi  
President of the Senate  
Thirty-First State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2021  
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Public Safety, Intergovernmental, and  
Military Affairs, to which was referred S.B. No. 513 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE ENFORCEMENT OF LAWS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to:

- (1) Increase the fireworks display permit fee from \$110 to \$150 and the fine for certain fireworks violations from \$2,000 per violation to \$5,000 per violation;
- (2) Clarify that each aerial device, display firework, or article pyrotechnic having a total weight of twenty-five pounds or less that is illegally imported, transferred, or sold constitutes a separate violation;
- (3) Increase the penalty for removing or extracting the pyrotechnic contents;
- (4) Require the Attorney General to establish an explosion detection technology working group;
- (5) Require the Department of Public Safety to develop and implement a web-based fireworks reporting tool;
- (6) Authorize the Sheriff Division to enforce the fireworks control law; and



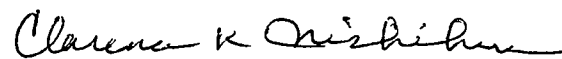
(7) Appropriate funds.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Hawaii State Fire Council, Honolulu Fire Department, and one individual. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from one individual. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Public Safety.

Your Committee finds that the people of the State deserve to live in peace and security, without the public safety risks, health hazards, and traumatic impacts of illegal fireworks use. Your Committee also finds that Act 170, Session Laws of Hawaii 2010, established an Illegal Fireworks Task Force to develop strategies and make recommendations to the Legislature to address the illegal importation and use of fireworks in the State. Among other matters, the Illegal Fireworks Task Force recommended that the Legislature consider increasing fireworks permit fees and violation fines to deter the use of illegal fireworks, decrease the supply of illegal fireworks in the State, and increase funding for prevention and enforcement efforts. This measure adopts the recommendations of the Illegal Fireworks Task Force by increasing penalties and fines to deter the illegal use of fireworks.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Public Safety, Intergovernmental, and Military Affairs that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 513 and recommends that it pass Second Reading and be referred to your Committees on Judiciary and Ways and Means.

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



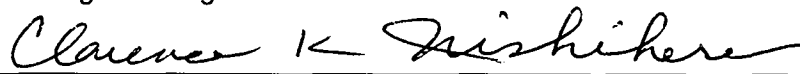
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CLARENCE K. NISHIHARA, Chair



The Senate  
 Thirty-First Legislature  
 State of Hawai'i

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

Bill / Resolution No.:*	Committee Referral:	Date:
SB 513	PSM, JDC/WAM	Feb. 16, 2021
<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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312 <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311 <input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310 <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313		
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)
Nay	Excused	
NISHIHARA, Clarence K. (C)	/	
ENGLISH, J. Kalani (VC)	/	
BAKER, Rosalyn H.	/	
RIVIERE, Gil	/	
FEVELLA, Kurt	/	
<b>TOTAL</b>	5	—
Nay	Excused	
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted		
Chair's or Designee's Signature:		
		
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