A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO FIREWORKS.

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

- 1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that the use of aerial
- 2 fireworks during celebrations continues to cause significant
- 3 disruption and concern. The legislature believes that a
- 4 stronger deterrent is needed to curtail the use of illegal
- 5 fireworks. According to the 2011 Report of the Illegal
- 6 Fireworks Task Force to the Legislature for the Regular Session
- 7 of 2011, an increase in fines associated with illegal fireworks
- 8 may act as a stronger deterrent.
- 9 SECTION 2. Section 132D-14, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
- 10 amended by amending subsection (b) to read as follows:
- "(b) Except as provided in subsection (a) or as otherwise
- 12 specifically provided for in this chapter, any person violating
- 13 any other provision of this chapter [-7] shall be fined not more
- 14 than [\$2,000] \$5,000 for each violation. Notwithstanding any
- 15 provision to the contrary in this section, any person violating
- 16 section 132D-14.5 shall be fined at least \$500 and no more than
- 17 \$2,000."



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- 1 SECTION 3. This Act does not affect rights and duties that
- 2 matured, penalties that were incurred, and proceedings that were
- 3 begun before its effective date.
- 4 SECTION 4. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
- 5 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.
- 6 SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2022.

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INTRODUCED BY:

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Report Title:

Illegal Fireworks; Fines

Description:

Increases from \$2,000 to \$5,000 the maximum fine that may be assessed against certain fireworks-related violations.

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