## 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 and that a stronger deterrent is needed
- 4 to curtail the use of illegal fireworks. According to the
- 5 Report of the Illegal Fireworks Task Force to the legislature
- 6 for the regular session of 2011, increasing fines associated
- 7 with illegal fireworks may act as a stronger deterrent.
- 8 The purpose of this Act is to increase the generally
- 9 applicable statutory fine and fine for homeowner liability under
- 10 the Fireworks Control Law from \$2,000 to \$5,000.
- 11 SECTION 2. Section 132D-14, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
- 12 amended by amending subsection (b) to read as follows:
- "(b) Except as provided in subsection (a) or as otherwise
- 14 specifically provided for in this chapter, any person violating
- 15 any other provision of this chapter, shall be fined [not] no
- 16 more than [\$2,000] \\$5,000 for each violation. Notwithstanding
- 17 any provision to the contrary in this section, any person

- 1 violating section 132D-14.5 shall be fined at least \$500 and no
- 2 more than [\$2,000.] \$5,000."
- 3 SECTION 3. This Act does not affect rights and duties that
- 4 matured, penalties that were incurred, and proceedings that were
- 5 begun before its effective date.
- 6 SECTION 4. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
- 7 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.
- 8 SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect on January 1, 2050.

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## Report Title:

Illegal Fireworks; Fireworks Control Act; Fines

## Description:

Increases the generally applicable fine and fine for homeowner liability under the Fireworks Control Act from \$2,000 to \$5,000. Effective 7/1/2050. (HD1)

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