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# SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE HONOLULU POLICE DEPARTMENT TO UTILIZE GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION SYSTEM MAPPING TO ESTABLISH A COMPREHENSIVE AND DETAILED MAP OF COMPLAINTS AND INCIDENTS ON OAHU RELATED TO ILLEGAL FIREWORKS USE.

1           WHEREAS, illegal fireworks use, particularly illegal aerial  
2 or display fireworks, bombs, or other explosive devices that  
3 sound like fireworks, continue to be an ongoing problem in the  
4 State; and

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6           WHEREAS, nowhere is this problem more evident than on Oahu,  
7 where in some communities the discharge of these illegal  
8 fireworks plague residents and communities nearly year-round;  
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11           WHEREAS, according to the Honolulu Police Department, it  
12 received about eight hundred fireworks-related calls from New  
13 Year's Eve 2021 to New Year's Day 2022; and

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15           WHEREAS, though the Honolulu Police Department increased  
16 its enforcement efforts, only one fireworks-related arrest was  
17 made and thirty-two citations were issued on New Year's; and

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19           WHEREAS, greater enforcement and detection of illegal  
20 fireworks are essential in combating the illegal fireworks  
21 problem, which is oftentimes hampered by inadequate resources;  
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24           WHEREAS, technological advances, such as geographic  
25 information system mapping, which analyzes and displays  
26 geographically referenced information, have assisted police  
27 departments in their work, such as by mapping crime, identifying  
28 crime hot spots, and showing specific crime patterns and  
29 relationships; and



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2 WHEREAS, geographic information system mapping has changed  
3 the law enforcement landscape and has assisted in the  
4 prevention, management, and investigation of crime; and  
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6 WHEREAS, using geographic information system mapping to map  
7 illegal fireworks use would aid the Honolulu Police Department  
8 in its enforcement of the State's Fireworks Control Law and  
9 serve as a deterrent to illegal fireworks use; now, therefore,  
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11 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Thirty-first  
12 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2022, the  
13 House of Representatives concurring, that the Honolulu Police  
14 Department is requested to utilize geographic information system  
15 mapping to establish a comprehensive and detailed map of  
16 complaints and incidents on Oahu related to illegal fireworks  
17 use; and  
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19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
20 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Mayor of the City  
21 and County of Honolulu and Interim Chief of Police of the  
22 Honolulu Police Department.  
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