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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;
9 and

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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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