
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 illegal aerial
2 devices are prevalent and an ongoing problem throughout the
3 State. The use of illegal aerial devices in neighborhoods has
4 substantially increased in recent years, resulting in serious
5 injuries, property damage, and fatalities. Despite strict
6 penalties, the drastic increase in the illegal use of aerial
7 devices continues due to the longstanding traditions and
8 cultural practices in the State of setting off aerial devices to
9 mark important occasions. Therefore, it is essential that the
10 State examine possible solutions that could potentially serve as
11 deterrents to illegal fireworks and raise additional revenue for
12 the State.

13 The purpose of this Act is to require the department of
14 commerce and consumer affairs to conduct a study on the social
15 and economic impacts of permitting the sale of aerial devices in
16 the State.



1 SECTION 2. (a) The department of commerce and consumer
2 affairs shall conduct a study on the social and economic impacts
3 of permitting the sale of aerial devices in the State.

4 (b) The department of commerce and consumer affairs shall
5 work in collaboration with law enforcement, other state
6 departments, other county agencies, and community groups to
7 complete the study.

8 (c) In the study, the department of commerce and consumer
9 affairs shall consider the following:

10 (1) The potential revenue that could be raised by imposing
11 a tax on the sale of display fireworks, aerial
12 devices, and articles pyrotechnic;

13 (2) The potential impact on consumer behavior if aerial
14 devices were legally available for purchase by the
15 public, including if permitting the sale and imposing
16 a tax on the sale of aerial devices would discourage
17 illegal firework activities;

18 (3) If the potential revenue raised by imposing a tax on
19 aerial devices could be used to curb the illegal use
20 of fireworks;



1 (4) If a mandatory liability insurance policy should be
2 implemented for persons who purchase a permit for
3 aerial devices;

4 (5) Policies from other states that have legalized
5 fireworks, including which fireworks are legal and
6 enforcement parameters for those fireworks; and

7 (6) Other relevant issues related to the legalization of
8 aerial devices for public use in the State.

9 (d) The department of commerce and consumer affairs shall
10 submit a report of its findings and recommendations, including
11 any proposed legislation, to the legislature no later than
12 twenty days prior to the convening of the regular session of
13 2025.

14 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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Report Title:

Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs; Study; Fireworks;
Aerial Devices; Legalization; Taxation

Description:

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conduct a study on the potential impacts of permitting the sale
of aerial devices in the State.

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