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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF LAW ENFORCEMENT TO PROVIDE
INFORMATION RELATED TO THE DISPOSAL, DETONATION, AND
DESTRUCTION OF EXPLOSIVES, FIREWORKS, AND SIMILAR HAZARDOUS
MATERIALS IN THE STATE.

1 WHEREAS, the disposal, detonation, and destruction of
2 explosives, fireworks, and other hazardous materials pose
3 inherent safety and environmental risks, particularly when
4 conducted in proximity to residential areas or heavily populated
5 regions; and

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7 WHEREAS, in recent years, concerns have arisen regarding
8 the impact of the disposal, detonation, and destruction of
9 explosives and fireworks on neighboring communities,
10 particularly the noise, air quality, and potential harm to
11 public health and safety; and

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13 WHEREAS, the State and local agencies are entrusted with
14 ensuring that the disposal, detonation, and destruction of
15 explosives, fireworks, and hazardous materials is conducted in a
16 manner that minimizes risk and protects the well-being of the
17 public and the environment; and

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19 WHEREAS, it is crucial to ensure that the protocols
20 followed by the responsible agencies meet the highest standards
21 of safety and best practices, as well as provide transparency
22 and accountability to the affected communities; now, therefore,
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24 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Thirty-third
25 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2025, the
26 House of Representatives concurring, that the Department of Law
27 Enforcement is requested to provide information related to the
28 disposal, detonation, and destruction of explosives, fireworks,
29 and similar hazardous materials in the State; and
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1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Law
2 Enforcement is requested to specifically provide:

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- 4 (1) A detailed description of the procedures and methods
5 used by the Department of Law Enforcement for the safe
6 disposal, detonation, and destruction of explosives,
7 fireworks, and similar hazardous materials, including
8 but not limited to controlled detonations,
9 incineration, and other disposal methods;
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- 11 (2) An explanation of the permitting process for
12 conducting the disposal, detonation, and destruction
13 of hazardous materials, including the criteria for
14 approving these actions and any other agencies
15 involved in authorizing these events; and
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- 17 (3) A summary of the safety protocols, environmental
18 safeguards, and best practices employed by the
19 Department of Law Enforcement to ensure that the
20 disposal, detonation, and destruction of hazardous
21 materials do not cause harm to the environment,
22 Department of Law Enforcement staff conducting the
23 operation, and individuals and communities in the
24 vicinity of the hazardous materials as they are being
25 transported and destroyed; and

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27 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this
28 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Director of Law
29 Enforcement.

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32 OFFERED BY: *Anne Mercado Ke*

