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# SENATE 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,  
26 that the Department of Law Enforcement is requested to provide  
27 information related to the disposal, detonation, and destruction  
28 of explosives, fireworks, and similar hazardous materials in the  
29 State; and

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31           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Law  
32 Enforcement is requested to specifically provide:  
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- 1           (1) A detailed description of the procedures and methods  
2           used by the Department of Law Enforcement for the safe  
3           disposal, detonation, and destruction of explosives,  
4           fireworks, and similar hazardous materials, including  
5           but not limited to controlled detonations,  
6           incineration, and other disposal methods;  
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- 8           (2) An explanation of the permitting process for  
9           conducting the disposal, detonation, and destruction  
10          of hazardous materials, including the criteria for  
11          approving these actions and any other agencies  
12          involved in authorizing these events; and  
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- 14          (3) A summary of the safety protocols, environmental  
15          safeguards, and best practices employed by the  
16          Department of Law Enforcement to ensure that the  
17          disposal, detonation, and destruction of hazardous  
18          materials do not cause harm to the environment,  
19          Department of Law Enforcement staff conducting the  
20          operation, and individuals and communities in the  
21          vicinity of the hazardous materials as they are being  
22          transported and destroyed; and  
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24           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this  
25   Resolution be transmitted to the Director of Law Enforcement.  
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OFFERED BY: 