
SENATE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING EACH COUNTY POLICE DEPARTMENT IN THE STATE TO
PURCHASE AND DEPLOY EXPLOSION DETECTION TECHNOLOGY TO
LOCATE AND RESPOND TO EXPLOSIONS CAUSED BY THE ILLEGAL USE
OF FIREARMS AND FIREWORKS.

1 WHEREAS, Hawaii residents deserve to live in peace and
2 security; and
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4 WHEREAS, illegal gunfire and the use of illegal fireworks
5 cause public safety risks and health hazards, leading to
6 traumatic impacts; and
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8 WHEREAS, new technologies have been developed that enable
9 law enforcement officers to instantly detect and locate the
10 geographic origin of explosions caused by gunfire or illegal
11 fireworks; and
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13 WHEREAS, police departments using these technologies have
14 reported the ability to receive notification of gunshots within
15 forty seconds, leading to faster response times; and
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17 WHEREAS, ShotSpotter is a leading product in this field,
18 with current usage by more than ninety cities nationwide; and
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20 WHEREAS, ShotSpotter has been shown to increase reporting
21 of gunshots, decrease the time from reporting to police
22 dispatch, decrease victim transport time, and more accurately
23 identify crime scene locations; and
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25 WHEREAS, in Oakland, California, the ShotSpotter technology
26 assisted law enforcement in responding to more than one hundred
27 gunshot wound victims; and
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29 WHEREAS, ShotSpotter or similar technology also has
30 potential for law enforcement to help detect and respond to
31 illegal fireworks; now, therefore,
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1 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Thirty-third
2 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2025,
3 that each county police department in the State is requested to
4 purchase and deploy explosion detection technology to locate and
5 respond to explosions caused by the illegal use of firearms and
6 fireworks; and
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8 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that each county Chief of Police is
9 requested to ensure appropriate training is provided to police
10 officers in the use of the explosion detection technology
11 equipment; and
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13 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
14 Resolution be transmitted to the Mayor, County Council Chair,
15 and Chief of Police of each county.

