
SENATE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO INSTALL AND
UTILIZE ELECTRONIC SCANNING EQUIPMENT AT EACH STATE AIRPORT
AND HARBOR TO SCAN FOR ILLEGAL FIREWORKS.

1 WHEREAS, the illegal importation and use of fireworks pose
2 significant threats to public safety, property, and the
3 environment in the State of Hawaii; and
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5 WHEREAS, the presence of illegal fireworks contributes to
6 hazardous conditions, including fires, injuries, and
7 disturbances to residents and pets; and
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9 WHEREAS, current enforcement measures have proven
10 insufficient in preventing the unlawful entry of fireworks into
11 the State; and
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13 WHEREAS, improved screening methods at state airports and
14 harbors would serve as a proactive measure to curb the influx of
15 illegal fireworks; and
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17 WHEREAS, modern electronic scanning equipment can detect
18 contraband materials, including many types of explosives and
19 fireworks; and
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21 WHEREAS, implementing scanning technology at state airports
22 and harbors would enhance the ability of law enforcement and
23 regulatory agencies to intercept and prevent the distribution of
24 illegal fireworks; now, therefore,
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26 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Thirty-third
27 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2025,
28 that the Department of Transportation is requested to install
29 and utilize electronic scanning equipment at each state airport
30 and harbor to scan for illegal fireworks; and
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32 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that for any commercial harbor, the
33 Department of Transportation is requested to install and utilize



1 electronic scanning equipment away from the harbor to ensure
2 minimal disruptions to the flow of commerce; and

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4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this
5 Resolution be transmitted to the Director of Transportation.

