STAND. COM. REP. NO. 277

Honolulu, Hawaii

## FEB 1 2 2025

RE: S.B. No. 227

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi President of the Senate Thirty-Third State Legislature Regular Session of 2025 State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Public Safety and Military Affairs, to which was referred S.B. No. 227 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO FIREWORKS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to:

- Establish the Illegal Fireworks Enforcement Division within the Department of Law Enforcement;
- (2) Appropriate funds; and
- (3) Sunset on June 30, 2028.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Law Enforcement and three individuals.

Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from the Libertarian Party of Hawaii and two individuals.

Your Committee finds that the creation of an Illegal Fireworks Enforcement Division within the Department of Law Enforcement would allow for more coordinated and sustained enforcement efforts using specially trained and dedicated personnel focused specifically on illegal fireworks interdiction and investigation. This structure would enhance the Department of Law Enforcement's ability to protect local communities from the



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dangers of illegal fireworks through year-round enforcement and prevention efforts. Your Committee further finds that the sunset date of June 30, 2028, provides an appropriate period to assess the Division's effectiveness and make any necessary adjustments.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Public Safety and Military Affairs that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 227 and recommends that it pass Second Reading and be referred to your Committee on Ways and Means.

> Respectfully submitted on behalf of the members of the Committee on Public Safety and Military Affairs,



BRANDON J.C. ELEFANTE, Chair



## The Senate Thirty-Third Legislature State of Hawaiʻi

## Record of Votes Committee on Public Safety and Military Affairs PSM

Bill / Resolution No.:*	Committee Referral: PSM、WAM			Date: 2-5-25		
The Committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure.						
If so, then the previous decision was to:						
The Recommendation is:						
Pass, unamended Pass, with amendments Hold Recommit 2312 2311 2310 2313						
Members		Aye	Aye (W	R)	Nay	Excused
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WAKAI, Glenn (VC)						
FUKUNAGA, Carol						/
RHOADS, Karl						
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