

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY

Voting Members:

Val A. Okimoto, Chair; Augie Tulba, Vice Chair;
Tyler Dos Santos-Tam, Andria Tupola

Committee Meeting Held
September 26, 2024

Honorable Tommy Waters
Chair, City Council
City and County of Honolulu

Mr. Chair:

Your Committee on Public Safety, which considered Bill 22 (2024) entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO THE FIRE CODE,"

which passed second reading and was the subject of a public hearing held at the June 5, 2024 Council meeting, reports as follows:

The purpose of Bill 22 (2024) is to address fireworks use and permitting in the City and County of Honolulu.

At your Committee's meeting on September 26, 2024, the Honolulu Fire Department testified in opposition to this measure.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from TNT Fireworks, Retail Merchants of Hawai'i, the Arizona State Legislature, Phantom Fireworks, and ten individuals.

Your Committee finds that the City and County of Honolulu is the only county in the state that has a consumer fireworks ban, which may have led to the illegal proliferation of aerial devices, articles pyrotechnic and display fireworks. This measure will legalize consumer fireworks which many generations of O'ahu's families legally enjoyed for decades.

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Your Committee on Public Safety is in accord with the intent and purpose of Bill 22 (2024) and recommends that it pass third reading. (Ayes: Okimoto, Tulba, Tupola – 3; Ayes with reservations: Dos Santos-Tam – 1; Noes: None.)

Respectfully submitted,



Committee Chair

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