

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 2581

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 28 2014

RE: S.B. No. 2591  
S.D. 1

Honorable Donna Mercado Kim  
President of the Senate  
Twenty-Seventh State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2014  
State of Hawaii

Madam:

Your Committee on Judiciary and Labor, to which was referred  
S.B. No. 2591 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO LAW ENFORCEMENT,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to:

- (1) Require the chief of each county police department to submit a report to the Legislature by January 31 of each year covering misconduct incidents that resulted in suspension or discharge of a police officer during the calendar year immediately prior to the year of the report submission;
- (2) Specify the information each report must contain, including updated information from previous reports; and
- (3) Require the county police departments to retain the disciplinary records in accordance with their respective record retention policies or for at least six months after the final report concerning that incident, whichever period is longer.

Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from the State of Hawaii Organization of Police Officers.

Your Committee finds that for over a decade, the only public information available concerning final suspensions of police

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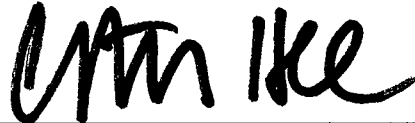
officers has been the annual report to the Legislature, required by section 52D-3.5, Hawaii Revised Statutes. However, these reports provide minimal detail. This measure improves the applicability of section 52D-3.5, Hawaii Revised Statutes, and creates a more informed public dialogue about misconduct by police officers.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Inserting an effective date of July 1, 2050, to encourage further discussion; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity and consistency.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Judiciary and Labor that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2591, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2591, S.D. 1.

Respectfully submitted on  
behalf of the members of the  
Committee on Judiciary and  
Labor,



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CLAYTON HEE, Chair



