

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 3487

Honolulu, Hawaii

APR 08 2016

RE: H.B. No. 2629
H.D. 2
S.D. 2

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate
Twenty-Eighth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2016
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Judiciary and Labor, to which was referred
H.B. No. 2629, H.D. 2, S.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL HISTORY RECORD
CHECKS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to authorize county
police departments to enroll firearms permit applicants and
individuals who are registering their firearms into a criminal
record monitoring service used to alert police when an owner of a
firearm is arrested for a criminal offense anywhere in the
country.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure
from the Department of the Attorney General; Police Department,
City and County of Honolulu; and two individuals. Your Committee
received testimony in opposition to this measure from the Hawaii
Members of the National Rifle Association of America, Hawaii Rifle
Association, and twenty-one individuals.

Your Committee finds that properly updated criminal
background information on firearms permit applicants is crucial to
the safety of the public. The rap back program is a service of
the Federal Bureau of Investigation that provides continuous
criminal record monitoring for authorized government agencies,
including law enforcement agencies, and notifies those agencies
when a specified individual is arrested for a criminal offense



anywhere in the nation. By authorizing the county police departments to enroll firearms permit applications and individuals who are registering their firearms into the rap back program, this measure will ensure that law enforcement agencies in Hawaii can more effectively screen prospective firearm owners and receive warning when a firearms owner has been disqualified from firearms ownership due to criminal activities in another state.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Inserting an effective date of July 1, 2016; 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 H.B. No. 2629, H.D. 2, S.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2629, H.D. 2, S.D. 2.

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


GILBERT S.C. KEITH-AGAPAN, Chair



The Senate
 Twenty-Eighth Legislature
 State of Hawai'i

Record of Votes
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| Bill / Resolution No.:* | Committee Referral: | Date: | | |
| HB 2629 HD2 SD1 | PSM, JDL | 3/30/16 | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> The Committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure. If so, then the previous decision was to: _____ | | | | |
| The Recommendation is: <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311 <input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310 <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313 | | | | |
| Members | Aye | Aye (WR) | Nay | Excused |
| KEITH-AGARAN, Gilbert S.C. (C) | / | | | |
| SHIMABUKURO, Maile S.L. (VC) | / | | | |
| GABBARD, Mike | | | / | |
| KAHELE, Kaiali'i | | | | / |
| KIM, Donna Mercado | / | | | |
| THIELEN, Laura H. | / | | | |
| SLOM, Sam | | | / | |
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| Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted | | | | |
| Chair's or Designee's Signature: | | | | |
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