

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 603

Honolulu, Hawaii

March 5, 2015

RE: H.B. No. 888
H.D. 1

Honorable Joseph M. Souki
Speaker, House of Representatives
Twenty-Eighth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2015
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Judiciary, to which was referred H.B. No. 888 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO FIREARMS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to make it a petty misdemeanor for an intoxicated person to recklessly possess a loaded firearm.

Two concerned individuals testified in support of this measure. The Institute for Rational and Evidence-based Legislation and many concerned individuals testified in opposition. The Hawaii Rifle Association and several concerned individuals provided comments.

Your Committee has amended this measure to:

- (1) Clarify that possession of a loaded firearm means having immediate physical control of the firearm;
- (2) Clarify that intoxication for purposes of this measure is the same standard as for the prohibition of driving under the influence; and
- (3) Change the effective date to July 1, 2015.

HB888 HD1 HSCR JUD HMS 2015-2412



As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Judiciary that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 888, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 888, H.D. 1, and be placed on the calendar for Third Reading.

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



KARL RHOADS, Chair



