

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

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Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: S.B. No. 1071

Honorable Donna Mercado Kim
President of the Senate
Twenty-Eighth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2015
State of Hawaii

Madam:

Your Committee on Judiciary and Labor, to which was referred
S.B. No. 1071 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE ACQUISITION OF FIREARMS BY
LAWFUL PERMANENT RESIDENT ALIENS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to clarify that the
police may issue a permit to acquire a firearm to a lawful
permanent resident alien.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure
from the Department of the Attorney General.

Your Committee finds that in a 2014 decision, the United
States District Court for the District of Hawaii held that it was
a violation of the equal protection clause of the United States
Constitution as it applies to permanent resident aliens where a
lawful permanent resident alien was not allowed to apply for a
permit to acquire a firearm on the basis that he was not a citizen
of the United States. This measure would clarify the Hawaii
Revised Statutes and bring the State into compliance with the
District Court's finding and the equal protection clause of the
United States Constitution as it applies to permanent resident
aliens.

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. 1071 and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

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



GILBERT S.C. KEITH-AGARAN, Chair



