

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

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Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: S.B. No. 2364

S.D. 1

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

Sir:

Your Committee on Public Safety, Intergovernmental, and
Military Affairs, to which was referred S.B. No. 2364 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO POLICE DEPARTMENTS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to specify that
citizen complaints against a police officer that involve
allegations of domestic abuse against a family or household member
on the part of the police officer shall not be required to be in
writing or sworn to by the complainant.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure
from the Hawaii State Commission on the Status of Women, Hawaii
State Coalition Against Domestic Violence, Hawaii Women's
Coalition, Hawaii State Democratic Women's Caucus, and one
individual. Your Committee received comments on this measure from
the Department of the Attorney General.

Your Committee finds that high-profile incidents involving
law enforcement officers in the State highlight the need to ensure
that a citizen who has experienced abuse by a police officer who
has a certain relationship with the citizen is able to report that
abuse in a safe and secure manner. This need is especially
prevalent in incidents of domestic violence involving law
enforcement officers. Although the issue of risk or apprehension
on the part of individuals bringing domestic violence complaints
against law enforcement officers is serious and urgent, this
measure requires further discussion and consideration.

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Your Committee has therefore amended this measure by:

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

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Public Safety, Intergovernmental, and Military Affairs that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2364, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2364, S.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Judiciary and Labor.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Public Safety,
Intergovernmental, and Military
Affairs,



CLARENCE K. NISHIHARA, Chair



