

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 3220

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 29 2016

RE: S.C.R. No. 120
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 Government Operations, to which was referred S.C.R. No. 120 entitled:

"SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY TO CONSULT WITH THE STATE CAPITOL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE AND TO DEVELOP AND IMPLEMENT A MASTER SECURITY PLAN THAT WILL INCREASE SAFETY AND SECURITY IN THE STATE CAPITOL BUILDING THROUGH THE USE OF METAL DETECTORS, X-RAY SCANS OF BAGGAGE, AND OTHER PRUDENT MEASURES,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to request the Department of Public Safety to:

- (1) Consult with the State Capitol Management Committee and develop and implement a master security plan that will increase safety and security in the State Capitol building through the use of metal detectors, x-rays scans of baggage, and other prudent measures; and
- (2) Provide a report on the status of the master security plan, including any proposed legislation, to the State Capitol Management Committee and the Legislature no later than twenty days prior to the convening of the Regular Session of 2017.

Prior to the hearing on this measure, your Committee posted and made available for public review a proposed S.D. 1, which deleted its contents and inserts language to request:

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- (1) The Legislative Reference Bureau to work with the Office of the Governor and Boards and Commissions Office to create and maintain a comprehensive list of all state boards and commissions;
- (2) The Office of the Governor and Boards and Commissions Office to provide all information necessary for the Legislative Reference Bureau to create and maintain a comprehensive list of state boards and commissions and to make the comprehensive list publically available on the Internet;
- (3) Each state department to provide information regarding any board or commission administratively attached to the respective department that is necessary for the Legislative Reference Bureau to create and maintain the comprehensive list; and
- (4) The Legislative Reference Bureau to report to the Legislature when a board or commission appointment is nearing the end of a term; board or commission vacancies; and statutory changes affecting a board's or commission's composition, quorum, or term limits.

Your Committee received testimony in support of the proposed S.D. 1 from the Office of the Governor. Your Committee received comments on the proposed S.D. 1 from the Legislative Reference Bureau.

Your Committee finds that the Governor nominates and appoints individuals to more than one hundred seventy boards and commissions. It is imperative that members of boards and commissions are appropriately and timely nominated and appointed in order for the boards and commissions to meet and conduct business. However, due to the turnover in the Executive Branch administrations, important board and commission information is often lost, inaccurate, or unable to be verified due to the lack of a central database, and it is imperative that a separate agency create and maintain a comprehensive list of all state boards and commissions. Implementation of this measure will better assure that state board and commission information is accurate and further government accountability, transparency, and efficiency.



Your Committee has amended this measure by adopting the proposed S.D. 1 and further amending it by inserting language to note that due to the turnover in the Executive Branch administrations, important board and commission information is often lost, inaccurate, or unable to be verified due to the lack of a central database, and it is imperative that a separate agency create and maintain a comprehensive list of all state boards and commissions.

Your Committee notes that while the Office of the Governor and Boards and Commissions Office are primarily responsible for managing the state boards and commissions, the inclusion and assistance of the Legislative Reference Bureau, a separate agency, will be valuable in the creation and maintenance of a comprehensive list of all state boards and commissions.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Government Operations that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of S.C.R. No. 120, as amended herein, and recommends that it be referred to your Committee on Ways and Means, in the form attached hereto as S.C.R. No. 120, S.D. 1.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Government
Operations,



DONNA MERCADO KIM, Chair



