

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

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Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: H.B. No. 456
H.D. 1

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate
Twenty-Ninth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2017
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Public Safety, Intergovernmental, and Military Affairs, to which was referred H.B. No. 456, H.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC SAFETY,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to:

- (1) Require police chiefs to disclose to the Legislature the identity of an officer upon the officer's second suspension in a five-year period or discharge; and
- (2) Require disclosure under the Uniform Information Practices Act after a police officer's second suspension in a five-year period.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Office of Information Practices, Honolulu Police Department, Society of Professional Journalists Hawaii Chapter, League of Women Voters, and one individual. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from the State of Hawaii Organization of Police Officers, Maui Police Department, and one individual.

Your Committee finds that disclosing the identities of police officers who are discharged or suspended twice within a five-year



period serves the public interest. Transparency and accountability of police officers are of great importance in maintaining the public's trust and confidence in law enforcement, and a healthy relationship between police and the public is essential for maintaining the health, safety, and welfare of the public.

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 H.B. No. 456, H.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Second Reading 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



