

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

1544

Honolulu, Hawaii

March 29, 2017

RE: H.R. No. 76

H.D. 1

Honorable Joseph M. Souki  
Speaker, House of Representatives  
Twenty-Ninth State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2017  
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Judiciary, to which was referred H.R. No. 76 entitled:

"HOUSE RESOLUTION DECLARING HAWAII TO BE A HO'OKIPA (WELCOMING) STATE,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to declare Hawaii a ho'okipa (welcoming) state.

Your Committee amended this measure by:

- (1) Clarifying that the enforcement of federal immigration laws is a function that is reserved to the federal government;
- (2) Clarifying that the costs associated with enforcement of federal immigration laws should not be borne by local law enforcement;
- (3) Clarifying the State of Hawaii is encouraged to advocate for the protection of all its residents; and
- (4) Removing the request that the Governor appoint a Ho'okipa Commission.



Young Progressives Demanding Action, Planned Parenthood Votes, Hawaii J-20+, American Civil Liberties Union of Hawaii, IMUAlliance, Aloha Dream Team, the Filipino-American Advocacy Network, the Hawaii Friends of Civil Rights, the American Immigration Lawyers Association of Hawaii, the Muslim Association of Hawaii, the Filipino American Citizens League, Nursing Advocates and Mentors Inc., and several individuals testified in support of this measure.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Judiciary that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of H.R. No. 76, as amended herein, and recommends its adoption in the form attached hereto as H.R. No. 76, H.D. 1.

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



SCOTT Y. NISHIMOTO, Chair



