

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

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Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: S.C.R. No. 131

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

Sir:

Your Committee on Judiciary and Labor, to which was referred S.C.R. No. 131 entitled:

"SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION URGING THE GOVERNOR, THE ATTORNEY GENERAL, THE MAYORS OF EACH COUNTY, AND VARIOUS STATE AND COUNTY LEADERS TO FIRMLY UPHOLD BOTH THE CONSTITUTIONS OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND HAWAII TO PRESERVE AND PROTECT OUR CIVIL RIGHTS AND TO ENSURE THE SAFETY OF IMMIGRANTS IN OUR COMMUNITIES., "

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to urge the Governor, Attorney General, mayors of each county, and various state and county leaders to uphold the constitutions of the United States and Hawaii to preserve and protect civil rights and ensure the safety of immigrants in the State.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from Planned Parenthood Votes Northwest and Hawaii, Rally for Common Ground, and thirteen individuals.

Your Committee finds that protecting and preserving the civil rights of all members of the community are essential to promoting and protecting the public welfare. The guarantees of certain civil rights are enshrined in the federal and state constitutions. Recent actions and statements emanating from the executive branch of the federal government have created uncertainty in the protection of certain individual civil rights, particularly as



those protections pertain to immigrant communities. Immigrant communities, especially in this State, make vital social, cultural, and economic contributions to our society. It is therefore critical that government ensures that the rights of immigrants are not illegally infringed upon. To ensure the protection of all citizens' civil rights, and particularly those of immigrants, state and county agencies, and law enforcement officers are urged to uphold the federal and state constitutions and to resist any illegal actions that the federal government might take that would threaten the constitutionally protected rights of all citizens, including immigrants.

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 concurs with the intent and purpose of S.C.R. No. 131 and recommends its adoption.

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

  
GILBERT S.C. KEITH-AGARAN, Chair



