

Honolulu, Hawaii

February 8, 2018

RE: H.B. No. 2071  
H.D. 1

Honorable Scott K. Saiki  
Speaker, House of Representatives  
Twenty-Ninth State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2018  
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Labor & Public Employment, to which was referred H.B. No. 2071 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO LAW ENFORCEMENT,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to ensure standards of professionalism and accountability for law enforcement officers in the State by establishing a Law Enforcement Standards Board (Board) to develop and enforce standards for training and certification of county police officers, state public safety officers, and employees of the Department of Transportation and Department of Land and Natural Resources who are conferred with police powers.

The Department of Transportation and one concerned individual supported this measure. The Department of Public Safety supported the intent of this measure. The County of Hawaii Police Department and Maui Police Department opposed this measure. The Department of Land and Natural Resources and Department of Budget and Finance provided comments.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Including employees of the Department of Taxation and Department of the Attorney General that are conferred



with general police powers under the scope of the Board's certification and oversight; and

- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purpose of clarity and consistency.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Labor & Public Employment that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2071, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2071, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Judiciary.

Respectfully submitted on  
behalf of the members of the  
Committee on Labor & Public  
Employment,



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AARON LING JOHANSON, Chair



