

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

637

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 02 2017

RE: S.B. No. 420
S.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 Judiciary and Labor, to which was referred
S.B. No. 420 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO LASER DEVICES,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to make it a
criminal offense to intentionally or knowingly direct the beam
from a laser or laser scope at an occupied aircraft under certain
circumstances.

Your Committee did not receive any written testimony
pertaining to this measure.

Your Committee finds that in recent years a growing number of
incidents have occurred in which individuals have targeted
aircrafts with laser lights during flight or while landing.
However, the penal code does not adequately address situations in
which an individual aims a laser light at an occupied aircraft and
is particularly deficient in situations where the individual with
the laser light causes injuries to those on board. This measure
establishes criminal offenses for directing a laser light at an
occupied aircraft to deter such actions and to help ensure flight
and passenger safety.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:



- (1) Inserting an effective date of January 7, 2059, to encourage further discussion; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity and consistency.

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 is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 420, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 420, S.D. 1.

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



GILBERT S.C. KEITH-AGARAN, Chair



The Senate
Twenty-Ninth Legislature
State of Hawai'i

Record of Votes
Committee on Judiciary and Labor
JDL

Bill / Resolution No.:* SB 420	Committee Referral: PSM/TRE, JDL	Date: 2/21/17		
<input type="checkbox"/> The Committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure. If so, then the previous decision was to: _____				
The Recommendation is: <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311 <input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310 <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
KEITH-AGARAN, Gilbert S.C. (C)	✓			
RHOADS, Karl (VC)	✓			
GABBARD, Mike				✓
KIM, Donna Mercado	✓			
THIELEN, Laura H.	✓			
TOTAL	4	0	0	1
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: <div style="text-align:center; font-family: cursive; font-size: 1.2em;">Karl Rhoads</div>				
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