

Honolulu, Hawaii

February 6, 2019

RE: H.B. No. 1553

Honorable Scott K. Saiki
Speaker, House of Representatives
Thirtieth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2019
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Public Safety, Veterans, & Military
Affairs, to which was referred H.B. No. 1553 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO HOMELAND SECURITY,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to establish:

- (1) The Hawaii State Fusion Center as a program under the Office of Homeland Security to serve as the State's central agency for receipt, analysis, and sharing of threat-related information with federal, state, local and private-sector partners; and
- (2) The position of Hawaii State Fusion Center Director who shall be state-funded, responsible to the Director of Homeland Security, and accountable to manage the operations of the Center.

The Office of the Governor; Adjutant General; Office of Homeland Security; Department of Human Services; Department of Business, Economic Development and Tourism; Department of Transportation; Office of Enterprise Technology Services; Department of Emergency Management of the City and County of Honolulu; Hawai'i Police Department; Kaua'i Police Department; Hawaii State Fire Council; Honolulu Fire Department; Kaua'i Emergency Management Agency; Board of Water Supply; Brigham Young



University-Hawaii; Hawaii Pacific University; CyberHawaii; Hawaiian Electric Company; Maui Electric Company; Hawaii Electric Light Company; Hawaii Hotel Visitor Industry Security Association; Hawai'i Gas; Retail Merchants of Hawaii; O'ahu County Committee on Legislative Priorities of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i; and a few concerned individuals supported this measure. Star Protection Agency offered comments.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Public Safety, Veterans, & Military Affairs that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1553 and recommends that it pass Second Reading and be referred to your Committee on Judiciary.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Public Safety,
Veterans, & Military Affairs,



GREGG TAKAYAMA, Chair



