

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

448

Honolulu, Hawaii

February 14, 2019

RE: H.B. No. 285  
H.D. 1

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

Sir:

Your Committee on Labor & Public Employment, to which was referred H.B. No. 285 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC SAFETY,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Require the Chief of each county police department to disclose to the Legislature the identity of a police officer upon the suspension or discharge of the police officer; and
- (2) Amend the Uniform Information Practices Act to allow for the disclosure of employment misconduct information that results in the suspension of a county police officer.

The Office of Information Practices; Civil Beat Law Center for the Public Interest; Society of Professional Journalists, Hawaii Chapter; League of Women Voters; Common Cause Hawaii; American Civil Liberties Union of Hawai'i; and an individual testified in support of this measure.

Your Committee has amended this measure by changing its effective date to January 1, 2050, to facilitate further discussion.

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Should this measure proceed further in the legislative process, your Committee respectfully requests that the Committee on Judiciary consider the amendment recommended by the Office of Information Practices in its testimony to remove the exception for misconduct information about a county police officer.

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. 285, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 285, 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,

  
AARON LING JOHANSON, Chair



