

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

2623

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: S.B. No. 3000

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate
Thirtieth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2020
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Public Safety, Intergovernmental, and
Military Affairs, to which was referred S.B. No. 3000 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO EMERGENCY WORKERS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to include
telecommunications dispatcher and related personnel engaged in
emergency dispatching services in the definition of "emergency
worker" for purposes of the penal code.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure
from the Office of Homeland Security, Maui Police Department,
Hawaii Government Employees Association, American Medical
Response, Stolen Stuff Hawaii, and two hundred thirty-nine
individuals.

Your Committee finds that telecommunications dispatchers play
a vital role in the partnership with their in-the-field first
responder colleagues, including police, firefighters, emergency
medical services, and other public safety personnel. Your
Committee further finds that these telecommunications dispatchers
often face situations where an individual is injured or in great
amount of distress, harm, or fear. Each telecommunications
dispatcher must fulfill skills learned during extensive training
to calm a situation with a distressed individual, all while
collecting necessary information to relay to first responders.
Your Committee finds that telecommunications dispatchers are



currently classified as an office and administrative support occupation, thereby prohibiting any telecommunications dispatcher from being hired at a level of pay and benefits commensurate with their level of training and expertise. This measure will recognize the importance of telecommunications dispatchers by considering the dispatchers as emergency workers.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Public Safety, Intergovernmental, and Military Affairs that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 3000 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,
Intergovernmental, and Military
Affairs,


CLARENCE K. NISHIHARA, Chair



The Senate
Thirtieth Legislature
State of Hawai'i

Record of Votes
Committee on Public Safety, Intergovernmental, and Military Affairs
PSM

Bill / Resolution No.:* SB 3000	Committee Referral: PSM, JDC	Date: 2/11/2020		
<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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312 <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311 <input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310 <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
NISHIHARA, Clarence K. (C)	✓			
WAKAI, Glenn (VC)	✓			
BAKER, Rosalyn H.	✓			
HARIMOTO, Breene				✓
FEVELLA, Kurt	✓			
TOTAL	4	0	0	1
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature:				
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*Only one measure per Record of Votes