

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

889

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 05 , 2021

RE: H.B. No. 73
H.D. 2

Honorable Scott K. Saiki
Speaker, House of Representatives
Thirty-First State Legislature
Regular Session of 2021
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Finance, to which was referred H.B. No. 73,
H.D. 1, entitled:

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

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to amend the definition of
"emergency worker" in the Penal Code to include Hawaii state on-
scene coordinators and telecommunications dispatchers.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure
from the Enhanced 911 Board; Hawai'i Police Department; Hawai'i
Fire Department; Kaua'i Police Department; Honolulu Police
Department; Maui Police Department; Honolulu Fire Department;
Hawaii Government Employees Association, AFSCME Local 152, AFL-
CIO; and numerous individuals. Your Committee received testimony
in opposition to this measure from the Office of the Public
Defender. Your Committee received comments on this measure from
the Department of Health and Office of Homeland Security of the
Department of Defense.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing the effective date to July 1, 2050, to
encourage further discussion; and

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

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 73, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 73, H.D. 2.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Finance,



SYLVIA LUKE, Chair



