

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 1671

Honolulu, Hawaii

APR 09 2021

RE: H.B. No. 73
H.D. 2
S.D. 1

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate
Thirty-First State Legislature
Regular Session of 2021
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Ways and Means, to which was referred H.B. No. 73, H.D. 2, S.D. 1, 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 amend the definition of "emergency worker" in section 707-700, Hawaii Revised Statutes, to include telecommunications dispatchers.

Your Committee received written comments in support of this measure from the Maui Police Department, Hawaii Police Department, Honolulu Fire Department, Honolulu Police Department, Hawaii Fire Department, a member of the E911 Board, the Hawaii Government Employees Association, and sixteen individuals.

Your Committee received written comments in opposition to this measure from the Office of the Public Defender.

Your Committee received written comments on this measure from the Department of Health and one individual.

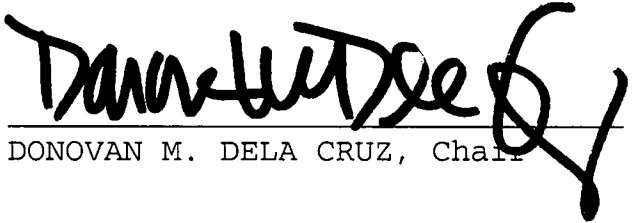
Your Committee recognizes that section 707-712.7, Hawaii Revised Statutes, elevates to a class B felony an assault against an emergency worker during an emergency period. Your Committee finds that, due to the vital role of telecommunications



dispatchers in assisting the public during emergencies, classifying these persons as emergency workers would provide telecommunications dispatchers the same enhanced protection that other emergency workers have under the law.

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

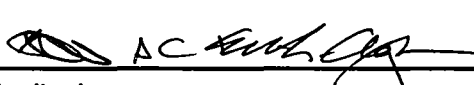
Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Ways and Means,


DONOVAN M. DELA CRUZ, Chair



The Senate
Thirty-First Legislature
State of Hawai'i

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Bill / Resolution No.:*	Committee Referral:	Date:		
<i>HB 73, HD 2, SD 1</i>	<i>JDC, WAM</i>	<i>4/6/21</i>		
<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
DELA CRUZ, Donovan M. (C)	X			
KEITH-AGARAN, Gilbert S.C. (VC)	X			
ENGLISH, J. Kalani	X			
INOUYE, Lorraine R.	X			
KANUHA, Dru Mamo	X			
KIDANI, Michelle N.	X			
MORIWAKI, Sharon Y.				X
SHIMABUKURO, Maile S.L.	X			
TANIGUCHI, Brian T.	X			X
WAKAI, Glenn	X			
FEVELLA, Kurt			X	
TOTAL	8		1	2
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature:				
				
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