

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

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Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 24 , 2021

RE: H.R. No. 46
H.D. 1

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

Sir:

Your Committee on Health, Human Services, & Homelessness, to which was referred H.R. No. 46 entitled:

"HOUSE RESOLUTION URGING THE HAWAII STATE COMMISSION ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN TO CONVENE AN INTER-GOVERNMENTAL FEMINIST ECONOMIC RECOVERY WORKING GROUP,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to urge the Hawaii State Commission on the Status of Women to convene an Inter-Governmental Feminist Economic Recovery Working Group.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Office of Hawaiian Affairs, Planned Parenthood Votes Northwest and Hawaii, AF3IRM Hawai'i, and two individuals. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Labor and Industrial Relations.

Your Committee finds that women have been disproportionately harmed by the economic downturn and potential cuts to government services caused by the COVID-19 pandemic. Your Committee further finds that women make up nearly two-thirds of essential frontline workers in the State and account for over fifty percent of the jobs lost since February 2020. Furthermore, many women have taken on more household and care-giving activities that prevent them from engaging in full-time paid work.

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Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Designating the Executive Director of Hawaii State Commission on the Status of Women and the Director of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism, or their designees, to serve as co-chairpersons of the Inter-Governmental Feminist Economic Recovery Working Group; and
- (2) Removing the Director of Labor and Industrial Relations, or the Director's designee, from the membership on the Inter-Governmental Feminist Economic Recovery Working Group, and deleting the Director from the list of recipients who will receive certified copies of this measure; and
- (3) 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 Health, Human Services, & Homelessness that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of H.R. No. 46, as amended herein, and recommends that it be referred to your Committee on Finance in the form attached hereto as H.R. No. 46, H.D. 1.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Health, Human
Services, & Homelessness,



RYAN I. YAMANE, Chair



