

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

1324

Honolulu, Hawaii

**MAR 30 2021**

RE: S.C.R. No. 62

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

Sir:

Your Committee on Public Safety, Intergovernmental, and  
Military Affairs, to which was referred S.C.R. No. 62 entitled:

"SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION URGING MEMBERS OF THE UNITED  
STATES CONGRESS TO ENACT FEDERAL LEGISLATION GRANTING  
STATEHOOD TO THE PEOPLE OF WASHINGTON, D.C.,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to urge the United  
States Congress to enact federal legislation granting statehood to  
the people of Washington, D.C.

Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this  
measure from one individual.

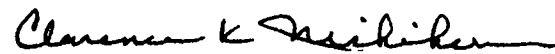
Your Committee finds that the passage of the Organic Act of  
1801 placed the District of Columbia under the exclusive authority  
of the United States Congress and abolished residents' right to  
vote for members of Congress and the President and Vice President  
of the United States. Residents of the District of Columbia were  
granted the right to vote for the President and Vice President  
through passage of the Twenty-Third Amendment to the United States  
Constitution in 1961. Residents of the District of Columbia share  
all the responsibilities of United States citizenship, including  
paying more federal taxes than residents of twenty-two states,  
service on federal juries, and defending the United States as  
members of the United States armed forces in every war since the  
War for Independence, yet they are denied full representation in



Congress. The residents of the District of Columbia lack full democracy, equality, and citizenship enjoyed by the residents of the fifty states. This measure will urge the United States Congress to provide the residents of the District of Columbia with the same democratic rights guaranteed to the residents of the existing fifty states.

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 concurs with the intent and purpose of S.C.R. No. 62 and recommends its adoption.

Respectfully submitted on  
behalf of the members of the  
Committee on Public Safety,  
Intergovernmental, and Military  
Affairs,



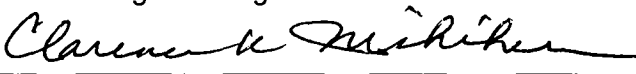
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CLARENCE K. NISHIHARA, Chair



The Senate  
Thirty-First Legislature  
State of Hawai'i

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

Bill / Resolution No.:*	Committee Referral:	Date:		
SCR 62	PSM	3/23/2021		
<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 checked="" 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)	/			
ENGLISH, J. Kalani (VC)				/
BAKER, Rosalyn H.	/			
RIVIERE, Gil	/		/	
FEVELLA, Kurt	/			
<b>TOTAL</b>	3		1	1
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: 				
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