

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

1457

Honolulu, Hawaii

**MAR 30 2021**

RE: S.R. No. 136

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

Sir:

Your Committee on Judiciary, to which was referred S.R.  
No. 136 entitled:

"SENATE RESOLUTION URGING ALL LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS AND  
PROSECUTING ATTORNEYS IN THE STATE TO VIGOROUSLY ENFORCE AND  
PROSECUTE OFFENSES COMMITTED AGAINST ESSENTIAL WORKERS WHILE  
ON THE JOB,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to urge all law  
enforcement officers and prosecuting attorneys in the State to  
vigorously enforce and prosecute offenses committed against  
essential workers while on the job.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure  
from the LGBT Caucus of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i; Hawai'i  
State AFL-CIO; Pride at Work - Hawai'i; International Union of  
Painters and Allied Trades, District Council 50; International  
Longshore and Warehouse Union Local 142; United Food and  
Commercial Workers Union 480; Hawaii Government Employees  
Association, AFSCME Local 152, AFL-CIO, UNITE HERE Local 5, and  
United Public Workers, AFSCME Local 646, AFL-CIO. Your Committee  
received testimony in opposition to this measure from one  
individual.

Your Committee finds that the outbreak of coronavirus disease  
2019 has given rise to the public's reliance upon a multitude of  
workers for essential services, such as health care, grocery and



food service, hospitality, airline travel, and ground transportation. Your Committee further finds that in the course of their employment, essential workers are required to have a high degree of face-to-face interaction with the public, relay to customers and other members of the public government-enacted emergency rules and orders, and frequently enforce those rules and orders. Your Committee additionally finds that essential workers are often harassed or confronted, sometimes physically, while trying to do their vital jobs by persons who do not wish to follow the emergency rules and orders. Therefore, it is imperative that law enforcement officers and prosecutors be diligent in enforcing and prosecuting offenses committed against essential workers while on the job.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Judiciary that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of S.R. No. 136 and recommends its adoption.

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



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KARL RHOADS, Chair



The Senate  
Thirty-First Legislature  
State of Hawai'i

**Record of Votes**  
**Committee on Judiciary**  
**JDC**

Bill / Resolution No.:*	Committee Referral:	Date:
SR136	JDC	3/29/2021
<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 type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311 <input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310 <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313		
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)
Nay	Excused	
RHOADS, Karl (C)	✓	
KEOHOKALOLE, Jarrett (VC)	✓	
ACASIO, Laura	✓	
GABBARD, Mike	✓	
KIM, Donna Mercado	✓	
LEE, Chris	✓	
FEVELLA, Kurt	✓	
<b>TOTAL</b>	7	0
0	0	0
Recommendation:		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted		
Chair's or Designee's Signature: <i>Karl Rhoads</i>		
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