

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 1455

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 30 2021

RE: S.R. No. 157
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 Judiciary, to which was referred S.R.
No. 157 entitled:

"SENATE RESOLUTION REQUESTING STATEWIDE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE
UNITED NATIONS UNIVERSAL PERIODIC REVIEW RECOMMENDATIONS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to request
statewide implementation of the United Nations Universal Periodic
Review Recommendations.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure
from Americans for Democratic Action and one individual. Your
Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from
one individual.

Your Committee finds that the United Nations (UN) established
the Universal Periodic Review (UPR) in 2006 to review the human
rights records of all one hundred ninety-three UN member states,
with the goal of improving human rights. Your Committee further
finds that every UN member state appears and actively participates
in the UPR hosted by the UN Human Rights Council Working Group in
Geneva twice a decade, with each review cycle lasting four and a
half years, and that the United States appeared at the UPR in
2010, 2014, and most recently in 2020. Your Committee
additionally finds that Hawai'i has had civil society and community
associations participate in all three UPR cycles, and was the



first state to conduct a Voluntary Local Review at the UN, sharing local strategies regarding the UN's 17 Sustainable Development Goals through the Aloha+ Challenge. Your Committee also finds that continued participation with and implementation of UPR recommendations will continue to benefit the State.

Your Committee has amended this measure by making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity and consistency.

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. 157, as amended herein, and recommends its adoption in the form attached hereto as S.R. No. 157, S.D. 1.

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



KARL RHOADS, Chair



The Senate
Thirty-First Legislature
State of Hawai'i

Record of Votes
Committee on Judiciary
JDC

Bill / Resolution No.:* SR 157	Committee Referral: JDC	Date: 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 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
RHOADS, Karl (C)	✓			
KEOHOKALOLE, Jarrett (VC)	✓			
ACASIO, Laura	✓			
GABBARD, Mike	✓			
KIM, Donna Mercado	✓			
LEE, Chris	✓			
FEVELLA, Kurt			✓	
TOTAL	6	0	1	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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*Only one measure per Record of Votes