

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

3764

Honolulu, Hawaii

APR - 6 2022

RE: H.B. No. 1339

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate
Thirty-First State Legislature
Regular Session of 2022
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Judiciary, to which was referred H.B. No. 1339 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO IMPEACHMENT,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to establish requirements for institution of and causes for impeachment of the Governor or Lieutenant Governor.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from one individual.

Your Committee finds that currently there is no process provided for in the Hawaii Revised Statutes for the impeachment of the Governor or Lieutenant Governor in the Hawaii Revised Statutes for cases when high crimes and misdemeanors are committed. The process by which a Governor or Lieutenant Governor may be removed from office should be clearly articulated and transparent. This measure provides for that process.

Your Committee notes that federal case law and its application should be considered for guidance on the definition of "high crimes and misdemeanors."

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Judiciary that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B.



No. 1339, and recommends that it pass Second Reading and be placed on the calendar for Third Reading.

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

Karl Rhoads

KARL RHOADS, Chair



The Senate
 Thirty-First Legislature
 State of Hawai'i

Record of Votes
Committee on Judiciary
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The Committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure.
 If so, then the previous decision was to: _____

The Recommendation is:

Pass, unamended 2312
 Pass, with amendments 2311
 Hold 2310
 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	5	0	0	2

Recommendation:
 Adopted
 Not Adopted

Chair's or Designee's Signature: *Jane Acasio*

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