

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 24 2022

RE: H.B. No. 1415

H.D. 2

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

Sir:

Your Committee on Public Safety, Intergovernmental, and Military Affairs, to which was referred H.B. No. 1415, H.D. 2, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THREAT ASSESSMENT,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to address violence and threats of violence by:

- (1) Assisting organizations in developing threat assessment teams by providing them with available training and assistance with establishing threat teams;
- (2) Enabling threat assessment teams to obtain and share information from different sources in order to assess threats of violence; and
- (3) Protecting privacy by vetting threat assessment team members that may receive certain sensitive information and providing that the information may not be used for any purpose beyond what is necessary for assessment of a threat.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Hawaii State Fusion Center, Department of Education, and



one individual. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Budget and Finance.

Your Committee finds that incidents of violence or threats of violence on the basis of race, ethnicity, or ancestry have increased at an alarming rate during the coronavirus disease 2019 pandemic. Recently, Asian Americans have often been the target of these hate crimes. This violence against Asians has been driven in part by the use of anti-Asian terminology and rhetoric that perpetuate anti-Asian stigma, such as the terms "Chinese virus", "Wuhan virus", and "kung-flu". Your Committee believes that a multidisciplinary threat assessment team consisting of individuals with diverse training and experience can help prevent violence. This measure will prevent targeted violence and produce solutions to manage threats by establishing a program within the Hawaii State Fusion Center to train, establish, and operate threat assessment teams, including for educational institutions.

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 is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1415, H.D. 2, and recommends that it pass Second Reading and be referred to your Committees on Judiciary and Ways and Means.

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

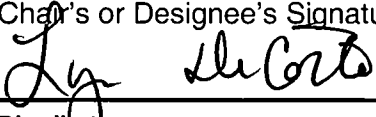


CLARENCE K. NISHIHARA, Chair



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Record of Votes
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Bill / Resolution No.:*	Committee Referral:	Date:
HB 1415, HD2	PSM, JDC/WAM	3/22/2022
<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	
NISHIHARA, Clarence K. (C)	✓	
DECOITE, Lynn (VC)	✓	
BAKER, Rosalyn H.	✓	
RIVIERE, Gil	✓	
FEVELLA, Kurt		✓
TOTAL	4	0
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Recommendation:		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted	<input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted	
Chair's or Designee's Signature:		
		
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