

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 11 , 2022

RE: H.B. No. 1539
H.D. 1

Honorable Scott K. Saiki
Speaker, House of Representatives
Thirty-First State Legislature
Regular Session of 2022
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs, to which was referred H.B. No. 1539 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE SAFETY OF JUDICIARY PERSONNEL,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Prohibit a person or an organization from posting the personal information of federal and state judges and other judicial staff on the Internet with the intent to intimidate or threaten injury, harm, or violence to the judge or staff or their immediate family members; and
- (2) Create a task force to identify further appropriate measures to enhance the security of judges and judiciary personnel while not diminishing civil liberties or unduly hindering governmental operations.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit Judge Richard R. Clifton, United States District Court for the District of Hawaii Chief Judge J. Michael Seabright, the Judiciary, and one individual.



Your Committee finds that over the past decade, judges and court personnel in Hawaii have received an increasing number of threats and inappropriate communications. To minimize the risk of threats or violence to these individuals, your Committee believes that posting the personal information of federal and state judges and other judicial staff with the intent to intimidate or threaten injury, harm, or violence should be prohibited.

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

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1539, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1539, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Judiciary &
Hawaiian Affairs,


MARK M. NAKASHIMA, Chair



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Record of Votes of the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs

Bill/Resolution No.: HB 1539	Committee Referral: JHA, FIN	Date: 2-1-22		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.				
The recommendation is to: <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended (as is) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments (HD) <input type="checkbox"/> Hold <input type="checkbox"/> Pass short form bill with HD to recommit for future public hearing (recommit)				
JHA Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. NAKASHIMA, Mark M. (C)	✓			
2. MATAYOSHI, Scot Z. (VC)	✓			
3. ICHIYAMA, Linda	✓			
4. KOBAYASHI, Dale T.	✓			
5. LoPRESTI, Matthew S.				✓
6. LOWEN, Nicole E.	✓			
7. McKELVEY, Angus L.K.		✓		
8. NAKAMURA, Nadine K.	✓			
9. TAKUMI, Roy M.	✓			
10. TODD, Chris	✓			
11. TOKIOKA, James Kunane	✓			
12. WARD, Gene	✓			
TOTAL (12)	10	1	0	1
The recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted If joint referral, _____ did not support recommendation. <div style="text-align:center; font-size: small;">committee acronym(s)</div>				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature:				
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