

STAND. COM. REP. NO. **278** -22

Honolulu, Hawaii

, 2022

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RE: H.B. No. 2445
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 Culture, Arts, & International Affairs, to which was referred H.B. No. 2445 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO VOLUNTEER MONTH,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to designate April of each year as Volunteer Month in Hawaii.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Hawaii Firearms Coalition and one individual.

Your Committee finds that volunteers provide valuable support to their communities, donating time and resources and providing services such as fundraising; preparing, distributing, or serving food; mentoring youth; supplying transportation; supporting and staffing fire and ambulance departments; and providing medical care. Your Committee further finds that, on a national level, April has long been dedicated to the recognition of the services volunteers provide in their communities. This measure honors the good works performed by volunteers and encourages volunteerism by designating April of each year as Volunteer Month in Hawaii.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

2022-1306 HB2445 HD1 HSCR HMSO



- (1) Changing the effective date to July 1, 2044, to encourage further discussion; and
- (2) 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 Culture, Arts, & International Affairs that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2445, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2445, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Culture, Arts, &
International Affairs,



CEDRIC ASUEGA GATES, Chair



