

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

2164

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: S.B. No. 2001  
S.D. 1

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 S.B. No. 2001 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO POLICE REPORTS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to allow surviving  
immediate family members of deceased persons to receive a copy of  
the closing report prepared by the investigating police department  
after a specified period of time.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure  
from the Libertarian Party of Hawaii. Your Committee received  
testimony in opposition to this measure from the Department of  
Public Safety. Your Committee received comments on this measure  
from the Department of the Attorney General.

Your Committee finds that the death of a family member where  
the incident led to law enforcement initiating an investigation  
can raise many questions for the surviving family members even  
years later. Law enforcement's investigation and the ensuing  
report may provide some answers and perhaps closure for the  
family. However, obtaining this information can be difficult.  
For one family whose son was murdered, it took seventeen years and  
repeated assistance from a state legislator's office to receive  
the closing report. For another family whose son was killed  
during an incident involving law enforcement, the family still had



not received a copy of the report more than five years after the incident despite a state legislator's involvement. This measure will assist the State in providing answers and closure for families by allowing surviving immediate family members of deceased persons to receive a copy of the closing report prepared by the investigating police department after a specified period of time.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Requiring that information included in the closing reports not required to be disclosed pursuant to the Uniform Information Practices Act, section 92F-13, Hawaii Revised Statutes be redacted or withheld; and
- (2) 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 Public Safety, Intergovernmental, and Military Affairs that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2001, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2001, S.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Judiciary.

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

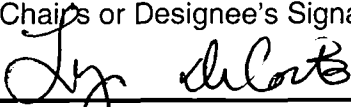


CLARENCE K. NISHIHARA, Chair



The Senate  
 Thirty-First Legislature  
 State of Hawai'i

**Record of Votes**  
**Committee on Public Safety, Intergovernmental, and Military Affairs**  
**PSM**

Bill / Resolution No.:* <i>SB 2001</i>	Committee Referral: <i>PSM, JDC</i>	Date: <i>2/3/2022</i>		
<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
NISHIHARA, Clarence K. (C)	✓			
DECOITE, Lynn (VC)	✓			
BAKER, Rosalyn H.				✓
RIVIERE, Gil	✓			
FEVELLA, Kurt		✓		
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: 				
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