

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 376

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 18 2021

RE: S.B. No. 742

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate
Thirty-First State Legislature
Regular Session of 2021
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Public Safety, Intergovernmental, and Military Affairs, to which was referred S.B. No. 742 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO POLICING,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to require each county police department to collect certain data regarding police stops, uses of force, and arrests, and submit annual reports to the Legislature.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Office of the Public Defender, Civil Beat Law Center for the Public Interest, American Civil Liberties Union of Hawai'i, Society of Professional Journalists Hawaii Chapter, Young Progressives Demanding Action, Community Alliance on Prisons, and four individuals. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from the Hawai'i Police Department.

Your Committee finds that, in 2016, the Washington D.C. Council unanimously passed the Neighborhood Engagement Achieve Results (NEAR) Act, which provides a comprehensive framework to promote public safety and reduce crime. Recognizing that a number of issues in communities have been criminalized, thus leading to high rates of incarceration and the breakdown of those communities, the NEAR Act consists of several tools and public safety initiatives designed to reduce violent crime, reform criminal justice provisions, and improve community-police



relations. One of these tools is a requirement that the D.C. Metro Police Department collect data on felony crimes, stops and frisks, and use of force incidents in an effort to build transparency, increase community trust, and improve internal accountability and data analysis. This measure will require each county police department to collect certain data regarding police stops, uses of force, and arrests, to better determine conditions for situations of interest, such as trends in the use of force; safeguard law enforcement officers from injury; and thereby allow greater overall academic analysis of policing in the State.

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. 742 and recommends that it pass Second Reading 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
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Record of Votes
Committee on Public Safety, Intergovernmental, and Military Affairs
PSM

Bill / Resolution No.:* <i>SB 742</i>	Committee Referral: <i>PSM, JDC</i>	Date: <i>Feb. 16, 2021</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 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)	/			
ENGLISH, J. Kalani (VC)	/			
BAKER, Rosalyn H.	/			
RIVIERE, Gil	/			
FEVELLA, Kurt	/			
TOTAL	<i>5</i>	<i>—</i>	<i>—</i>	<i>—</i>
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: 				
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*Only one measure per Record of Votes