

STAND. COM. REP. NO. **2152**-22

Honolulu, Hawaii

APR 25, 2022

RE: S.C.R. No. 185
S.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 S.C.R. No. 185, S.D. 1, entitled:

"SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION DENOUNCING RUSSIA'S ACTIONS CAUSING A HUMANITARIAN CRISIS IN UKRAINE AND URGING THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS TO TAKE CONCRETE ACTION TO SUPPORT UKRAINIAN REFUGEES AND TO INCREASE THE REFUGEE LIMITS FOR THE UNITED STATES AND INCREASE FUNDING RELATED TO THOSE EFFORTS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to denounce Russia's actions causing a humanitarian crisis in Ukraine and urging the United States Congress to take concrete action to support Ukrainian refugees and to increase the refugee limits for the United States and increase funding related to those efforts.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the State of Hawaii Office of Community Services. Your Committee received testimony in opposition of this measure from one individual.

Your Committee finds that the Russian invasion of Ukraine has created a devastating humanitarian crisis, with millions of Ukrainians, many of them women, children, and the elderly, fleeing the country. Your Committee further finds that countries like Poland, Romania, and Moldova are taking a disproportionate number

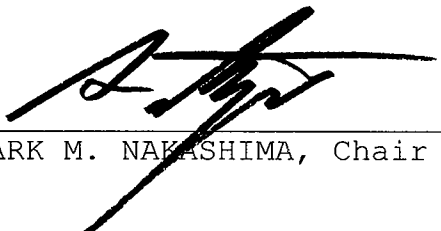
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of Ukrainian refugees compared to the rest of the world. According to the UN Refugee Agency, as of March 31, 2022, Poland had received 2,384,814 refugees, Romania had received 623,627 refugees, and Moldova had received 390,1987 refugees. Although the United States has taken some steps toward helping Ukrainian refugees, your Committee finds that additional, concrete steps should be taken to provide further support to address this ongoing crisis.

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 concurs with the intent and purpose of S.C.R. No. 185, S.D. 1, and recommends its adoption.

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


for MARK M. NAKASHIMA, Chair



