

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 1720-24

Honolulu, Hawaii

APR 04 , 2024

RE: H.R. No. 59

H.D. 1

Honorable Scott K. Saiki
Speaker, House of Representatives
Thirty-Second State Legislature
Regular Session of 2024
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs, to which was referred H.R. No. 59 entitled:

"HOUSE RESOLUTION URGING THE DEPARTMENT OF LAW ENFORCEMENT TO DEVELOP AND IMPLEMENT A U VISA CERTIFICATION POLICY,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to urge the Department of Law Enforcement to develop and implement a U visa certification policy.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Law Enforcement; The Legal Clinic; Valar Law LLC; Hawai'i Friends of Civil Rights; Hawai'i Coalition for Immigrant Rights; Hawai'i Alliance for Progressive Action; and five individuals.

Your Committee finds that federal law allows eligible undocumented immigrant victims to petition for nonimmigrant status under a U visa, which allows the victims to temporarily remain and work in the United States while assisting law enforcement. Having a U visa certification policy for the State will encourage undocumented immigrant victims to report and assist the investigation and prosecution of crimes involving domestic violence, sexual assault, and human trafficking.

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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 concurs with the intent and purpose of H.R. No. 59, as amended herein, and recommends its adoption in the form attached hereto as H.R. No. 59, H.D. 1.

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



DAVID A. TARNAS, Chair



State of Hawaii
House of Representatives
The Thirty-second Legislature

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Record of Votes of the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs

Bill/Resolution No.: HR59	Committee Referral: JHA	Date: 4/2/24		
<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. TARNAS, David A. (C)	✓			
2. TAKAYAMA, Gregg (VC)	✓			
3. EVSLIN, Luke A.	✓			
4. GANADEN, Sonny	✓			
5. HOLT, Daniel	✓			
6. ICHIYAMA, Linda	✓			
7. ILAGAN, Greggor				✓
8. KONG, Sam Satoru	✓			
9. MIYAKE, Tyson K.	✓			
10. SOUZA, Kanani				✓
TOTAL (10)	8	0	0	2
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: 0.8em;">committee acronym(s)</div>				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature: _____ <div style="text-align: center; font-size: 1.2em; font-family: cursive;">David Carnas</div>				
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