

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

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Honolulu, Hawaii

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, 2025

RE: H.B. No. 595
H.D. 1

Honorable Nadine K. Nakamura
Speaker, House of Representatives
Thirty-Third State Legislature
Regular Session of 2025
State of Hawaii

Madame:

Your Committee on Labor, to which was referred H.B. No. 595
entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO RECORDINGS OF LAW ENFORCEMENT
ACTIVITIES,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to establish the right of a
person to record law enforcement activities and a private right of
action for any violation of the right to record law enforcement
activities.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure
from the Office of the Public Defender; All Hawaii News; Big
Island Press Club; and two individuals.

Your Committee finds that the First Amendment of the United
States Constitution protects freedom of speech and expression and
courts have determined that this includes the right to record
police officers in public spaces so long as it does not interfere
with the officer's duties and is done lawfully. Your Committee
further finds that it is important to protect the right to record
law enforcement activities and prevent infringements upon this
right. Your Committee believes that this measure strikes an
appropriate balance between an individual's right to record law

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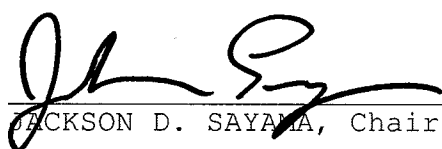


enforcement activities and to bring an action for any violation of this right with law enforcement's ability to carry out its duties.

Your Committee has amended this measure by changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Labor that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 595, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 595, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the members of the Committee on Labor,



JACKSON D. SAYAMA, Chair

