

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

536

Honolulu, Hawaii

, 2023

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RE: H.B. No. 554  
H.D. 2

Honorable Scott K. Saiki  
Speaker, House of Representatives  
Thirty-Second State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2023  
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs, to which was referred H.B. No. 554, H.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO CAMPUS SAFETY,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Require that the University of Hawaii ensure that any individual who participates in implementing the University's disciplinary process has training or experience in handling sexual misconduct complaints and the University's disciplinary process;
- (2) Require that the University of Hawaii provide mandatory annual trauma-informed, gender-inclusive, LGBTQ+-inclusive sexual misconduct primary prevention and awareness programming for students and employees of the University;
- (3) Prohibit the University of Hawaii from taking disciplinary action against individuals reporting sexual misconduct unless certain exceptions apply; and
- (4) Establish positions and appropriate funds for the University of Hawaii.

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Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from University of Hawai'i System, Hawaii State Council on Developmental Disabilities, Democratic Party of Hawai'i Education Caucus, Imua Alliance, Stonewall Caucus of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i, Hawai'i Youth Services Network, American Association of University Women of Hawai'i, Hawai'i State Coalition Against Domestic Violence, Every Voice Coalition Hawai'i, and eleven individuals.

Your Committee finds that college campuses generally have an elevated prevalence of sexual and domestic violence and that strengthening campus safety protocols will ensure that students are adequately protected from escalating incidents of abuse. This measure expands protections for victims of sexual misconduct at the University of Hawaii.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Using the defined term "sexual misconduct" more consistently when referring to sexual harassment, intimate partner violence, sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence, or stalking;
- (2) Amending the definition of "sexual misconduct" to include dating violence; and
- (3) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

Your Committee respectfully requests your Committee on Finance, should it deliberate on this measure, to consider an appropriation amount of \$1,000,000 for four full-time equivalent positions to enable the University of Hawaii to fulfill the requirements of this measure.

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 is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 554, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it be referred to your Committee on Finance in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 554, H.D. 2.



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



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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**

<b>Bill/Resolution No.:</b> <span style="font-size: 1.2em; font-weight: bold;">HB 554, HD 1</span>	<b>Committee Referral:</b> <span style="font-size: 1.2em; font-weight: bold;">HET, JHA, FIN</span>	<b>Date:</b> <span style="font-size: 1.2em; font-weight: bold;">2/10/2023</span>		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.				
<b>The recommendation is to:</b> <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. GANADEN, Sonny	/			
4. HOLT, Daniel	/			
5. HASHIMOTO, Troy N.	/			
6. ICHIYAMA, Linda	/			
7. ILAGAN, Greggor	/			
8. KONG, Sam Satoru	/			
9. MIZUNO, John M.	/			
10. SOUZA, Kanani	/			
<b>TOTAL (10)</b>	10	—	—	—
<b>The recommendation is:</b> <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>				
<b>Vice Chair's or designee's signature:</b> _____ 				
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