

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 29, 2024

RE: H.B. No. 2352
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.B. No. 2352 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO LAW ENFORCEMENT,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Exempt the administrator of the Law Enforcement Standards Board from civil service laws;
- (2) Clarify membership and certain powers and duties of the Law Enforcement Standards Board; and
- (3) Establish new deadlines for the completion of the Law Enforcement Standards Board responsibilities.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of the Attorney General; Department of Law Enforcement; and one individual. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from the State of Hawaii Organization of Police Officers and Policing Project at NYU School of Law.

Your Committee finds that the amendments made by this measure provide greater flexibility and stability for the Law Enforcement



Standards Board to accomplish its responsibilities. Your Committee further finds that the purpose of establishing statewide law enforcement standards is to ensure that all law enforcement officers, current and prospective, meet those standards.

Accordingly, your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Deleting language that would have provided an exemption from certification for a person who entered into employment with the applicable county police department or state department before July 1, 2026, and whose termination of employment would violate any valid collective bargaining agreement;
- (2) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (3) 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 is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2352, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2352, H.D. 1, and be placed on the calendar for Third Reading.

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



DAVID A. TARNAS, Chair



Record of Votes of the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs

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The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.

The recommendation is to: Pass, unamended (as is) Pass, with amendments (HD) Hold
 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)	X			
2. TAKAYAMA, Gregg (VC)				X
3. EVSLIN, Luke A.	X			
4. GANADEN, Sonny	X			
5. HOLT, Daniel	X			
6. ICHIYAMA, Linda	X			
7. ILAGAN, Greggor	X			
8. KONG, Sam Satoru	X			
9. MIYAKE, Tyson K.	X			
10. SOUZA, Kanani	X			
TOTAL (10)	9	0	0	1

The recommendation is: Adopted Not Adopted
 If joint referral, _____ did not support recommendation.
 committee acronym(s)

Vice Chair's or designee's signature: 

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