

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

1160

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 28 , 2025

RE: H.B. No. 277
H.D. 2

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

Madame:

Your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs, to which was referred H.B. No. 277, H.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO VEHICULAR PURSUIT,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to establish a vehicle pursuit policy for law enforcement agencies.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the American Civil Liberties Union of Hawai'i and Policing Project at NYU School of Law. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from the Department of Law Enforcement; Honolulu Police Department; and State of Hawaii Organization of Police Officers. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of the Attorney General; Office of Information Practices; and Law Enforcement Standards Board.

Your Committee finds that although sometimes necessary, law enforcement vehicle pursuits can be dangerous, posing risks of serious injury or death to members of the public and law enforcement officers. Establishing statewide vehicular pursuit policies for state and county law enforcement agencies will ensure that law enforcement officers are only engaging in pursuits when

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necessary and when the public safety benefits of the pursuits outweigh the risks.

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 is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 277, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 277, H.D. 2.

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



DAVID A. TARNAS, Chair



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Record of Votes of the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs

Bill/Resolution No.: HB 277 HD1	Committee Referral: TRN, JHA	Date: 02/26/2025		
<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. POEPOE, Mahina (VC)	✓			
3. BELATTI, Della Au	✓			
4. COCHRAN, Elle				✓
5. HASHEM, Mark J.	✓			
6. KAHALOA, Kirstin				✓
7. PERRUSO, Amy A.	✓			
8. TAKAYAMA, Gregg	✓			
9. TODD, Chris	✓			
10. GARCIA, Diamond			✓	
11. SHIMIZU, Garner M.			✓	
TOTAL (11)	7	0	2	2
The recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted If joint referral, _____ did not support recommendation. committee acronym(s)				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature: _____ 				
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