

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 733

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 27 2025

RE: S.B. No. 116
S.D. 2

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate
Thirty-Third State Legislature
Regular Session of 2025
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Judiciary, to which was referred S.B.
No. 116, S.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO DISCRIMINATION,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to give any person
injured by discriminatory reporting recourse through civil action.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure
from the Department of Law Enforcement, Hawai'i State LGBTQ+
Commission, Pride at Work Hawai'i, Democratic Party of Hawai'i,
Stonewall Caucus of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i, Lambda Law
Hawai'i, and two individuals.

Your Committee finds that while citizen vigilance is an
important tool in maintaining public safety, there have been
numerous instances where individuals have weaponized law
enforcement against members of protected classes without any
reasonable suspicion of criminal activity. These discriminatory
calls not only waste valuable law enforcement resources but also
expose innocent individuals to potential harm, humiliation, and
long-term reputational damage. This measure aligns with the
State's longstanding commitment to equity, inclusion, and justice
by holding individuals accountable for making discriminatory
reports to law enforcement.



Your Committee has amended this measure by inserting an effective date of September 1, 2025.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Judiciary that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 116, S.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 116, S.D. 2.

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




KARL RHOADS, Chair



The Senate
Thirty-Third Legislature
State of Hawai'i

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Bill / Resolution No.:* <div style="font-size: 1.2em; font-family: cursive;">SB 116 SD1</div>	Committee Referral: <div style="font-size: 1.2em; font-family: cursive;">PSM, JDC</div>	Date: <div style="font-size: 1.2em; font-family: cursive;">2/12/25</div>		
<input type="checkbox"/> The Committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure. If so, then the previous decision was to: _____				
The Recommendation is: <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; align-items: flex-start;"> <div style="text-align: center;"><input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312</div> <div style="text-align: center;"><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311</div> <div style="text-align: center;"><input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310</div> <div style="text-align: center;"><input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313</div> </div>				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
RHOADS, Karl (C)	✓			
GABBARD, Mike (VC)	✓			
CHANG, Stanley	✓			
SAN BUENAVENTURA, Joy A.				✓
AWA, Brenton				✓
TOTAL	3	—	—	2
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: <div style="font-size: 1.5em; font-family: cursive; margin-top: 10px;">  </div>				
<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; font-size: 0.8em;"> <div>Distribution:</div> <div>Original</div> <div>Yellow</div> <div>Pink</div> <div>Goldenrod</div> </div> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; font-size: 0.7em; margin-top: 5px;"> <div>File with Committee Report</div> <div>Clerk's Office</div> <div>Drafting Agency</div> <div>Committee File Copy</div> </div>				

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