

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

1021

Honolulu, Hawaii

**FEB 28 2025**

RE: S.B. No. 1451  
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. 1451, S.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to:

- (1) Enhance sharing of critical infrastructure information between infrastructure owners and operators and the state government;
- (2) Define and protect "critical infrastructure information" that is crucial for direct support of the security and resilience of the State; and
- (3) Provide homeland security partners with reassurance that their proprietary information provided to the state government will be protected from disclosure.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Law Enforcement and Office of Information Practices.



Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Public First Law Center.

Your Committee finds that chapter 128A, Hawaii Revised Statutes, outlines the duty of the State to provide for homeland security. Your Committee believes that establishing protections so the Office of Homeland Security may safely access critical infrastructure information is a necessary facet of strengthening homeland security. This measure will facilitate the protection of the public from terrorism and other threats by providing for the sharing and protection of this critical data.

Your Committee notes that the additional requirement that critical infrastructure information "would" reveal vulnerabilities in critical infrastructure that, if exploited, would likely result in the significant disruption, destruction, or damage of or to operations, property, or facilities may endanger public safety by providing sensitive information to individuals seeking to cause damage to critical infrastructure. Therefore, your Committee believes that the requirement should be amended to specify that critical infrastructure information "could" reveal these vulnerabilities.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Clarifying that "critical infrastructure information" means certain information that, if disclosed, could reveal certain vulnerabilities in critical infrastructure; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity and consistency.

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. 1451, S.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 1451, S.D. 2.



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

*Karl Rhoads*


---

KARL RHOADS, Chair



The Senate  
Thirty-Third Legislature  
State of Hawai'i

**Record of Votes  
Committee on Judiciary  
JDC**

Bill / Resolution No.:* <div style="font-size: 1.2em; font-family: cursive;">SB 1451, SD 1</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;">2/21/25</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>																				
<b>Members</b>	<b>Aye</b>	<b>Aye (WR)</b>	<b>Nay</b>	<b>Excused</b>																
RHOADS, Karl (C)	✓																			
GABBARD, Mike (VC)				✓																
CHANG, Stanley	✓																			
SAN BUENAVENTURA, Joy A.	✓																			
AWA, Brenton	✓																			
<b>TOTAL</b>	4			1																
Recommendation: <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; margin-top: 5px;"> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted           <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted         </div>																				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: <div style="font-size: 1.5em; font-family: cursive; text-align: center;">  </div>																				
<table style="width: 100%; font-size: 0.8em;"> <tr> <td style="width: 25%;"><b>Distribution:</b></td> <td style="width: 25%;">Original</td> <td style="width: 25%;">Yellow</td> <td style="width: 25%;">Pink</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>File with Committee Report</td> <td>Clerk's Office</td> <td>Drafting Agency</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td>Goldenrod</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td>Committee File Copy</td> </tr> </table>					<b>Distribution:</b>	Original	Yellow	Pink		File with Committee Report	Clerk's Office	Drafting Agency				Goldenrod				Committee File Copy
<b>Distribution:</b>	Original	Yellow	Pink																	
	File with Committee Report	Clerk's Office	Drafting Agency																	
			Goldenrod																	
			Committee File Copy																	

\*Only one measure per Record of Votes