

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

1457

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 21, 2025

RE: S.B. No. 307
S.D. 2
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 S.B. No. 307, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO RECORDINGS OF LAW ENFORCEMENT ACTIVITIES,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to establish the right of a person to record law enforcement activities and a private right of action for any violation of the right to record law enforcement activities.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Office of the Public Defender; League of Women Voters of Hawaii; Public First Law Center; All Hawaii News; ACLU of Hawai'i; Big Island Press Club; Drug Policy Forum of Hawaii; Ohana Unity Party; and three individuals.

Your Committee finds that this measure codifies the constitutional right to record police activity, as recognized by the Hawaii Supreme Court in *State v. Russo*, 141 Haw. 181 (2017). This measure would also promote police accountability by creating a statutory right of action.

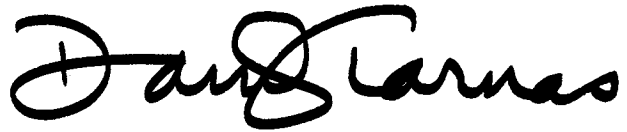
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Your Committee has amended this measure by making a technical, nonsubstantive amendment for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

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 S.B. No. 307, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it be referred to your Committee on Finance in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 307, S.D. 2, H.D. 2.

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

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "David Tarnas". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "David" and last name "Tarnas" clearly distinguishable.

DAVID A. TARNAS, Chair



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Bill/Resolution No.: SB307 SD2 HD1		Committee Referral: LAB, JHA, FIN		Date: 03/18/2025	
<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)		10	0	0	1
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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