

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

245

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 18 2015

RE: S.B. No. 677  
S.D. 1

Honorable Donna Mercado Kim  
President of the Senate  
Twenty-Eighth State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2015  
State of Hawaii

Madam:

Your Committee on Public Safety, Intergovernmental and  
Military Affairs, to which was referred S.B. No. 677 entitled:

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

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to provide the  
Mayor of each county with the authority to remove the respective  
county Chief of Police for good and just cause.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure  
from the Hawaii State Coalition Against Domestic Violence,  
IMUAlliance, and three individuals. Your Committee received  
testimony in opposition to this measure from three individuals.

Your Committee finds that the public's trust in the county  
police departments must be restored. Implementation of this  
measure will encourage greater accountability within each of the  
county police departments and strengthen the public's trust in law  
enforcement.

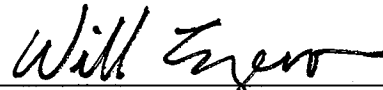
Your Committee has amended this measure by requiring the  
Mayor of each county to have the approval of the Police Commission  
in order to remove the respective county Chief of Police for good  
and just cause.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your  
Committee on Public Safety, Intergovernmental and Military Affairs  
that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with



the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 677, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 677, S.D. 1, and be referred to the Committee on Judiciary and Labor.

Respectfully submitted on  
behalf of the members of the  
Committee on Public Safety,  
Intergovernmental and Military  
Affairs,



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WILL ESPERO, Chair



The Senate  
Twenty-Eighth Legislature  
State of Hawai'i

**Record of Votes**  
**Committee on Public Safety, Intergovernmental and Military Affairs**  
**PSM**

Bill / Resolution No.:* <div style="font-size: 1.2em; font-family: cursive;">SB 677</div>	Committee Referral: <div style="font-size: 1.2em; font-family: cursive;">PSM, JDL</div>	Date: <div style="font-size: 1.2em; font-family: cursive;">2-10-2015</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
ESPERO, Will (C)	✓			
BAKER, Rosalyn H. (VC)	✓			
GALUTERIA, Brickwood	✓			
KEITH-AGARAN, Gilbert S.C.				✓
SLOM, Sam				✓
<b>TOTAL</b>	3	-	-	2
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; margin-top: 10px;">Randy H. Behr</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: 0.8em; 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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