

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

3177

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 29 2016

RE: S.R. No. 18

S.D. 1

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi  
President of the Senate  
Twenty-Eighth State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2016  
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Public Safety, Intergovernmental, and  
Military Affairs, to which was referred S.R. No. 18 entitled:

"SENATE RESOLUTION URGING UNITED STATES CITIZENSHIP AND  
IMMIGRATION SERVICES TO IMMEDIATELY RESUME BIOMETRIC INTAKE  
AND INTERVIEWS ON THE COUNTIES OF HAWAII, MAUI, AND KAUAI,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to urge the United  
States Citizenship and Immigration Services to immediately resume  
biometric intake and interviews on the counties of Hawaii, Maui,  
and Kauai.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure  
from the Hawaii Coalition for Immigrant Rights, Hawaii Friends of  
Civil Rights, Inter-Agency Council for Immigrant Services, and  
seven individuals.

Your Committee finds that Honolulu is the only place in the  
State in which immigration services are available. Immigrants  
residing on the neighbor islands who require such services are  
forced to travel to Honolulu at their own expense in order to  
obtain or maintain lawful immigration status. The expenses of  
travel and accommodations, in addition to the application costs  
associated with United States Citizenship and Immigrant Services,  
are a great financial strain to these immigrants, many of whom are  
from economically disadvantaged backgrounds. Your Committee finds  
that restoring biometric intake and interviews on the neighbor

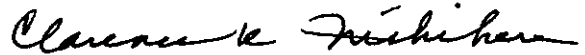


islands would relieve an unjust burden of individuals who are the least able to bear that burden.

Your Committee has amended this measure by 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 Public Safety, Intergovernmental, and Military Affairs that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of S.R. No. 18, as amended herein, and recommends that it be referred to your Committee on Ways and Means, in the form attached hereto as S.R. No. 18, S.D. 1.

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



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CLARENCE K. NISHIHARA, Chair



The Senate  
Twenty-Eighth Legislature  
State of Hawai'i

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**Committee on Public Safety, Intergovernmental and Military Affairs**  
**PSM**

Bill / Resolution No.:* <div style="font-size: 1.2em; font-weight: bold;">GR18</div>	Committee Referral: <div style="font-size: 1.2em; font-weight: bold;">PSM, WAM</div>	Date: <i>WR</i> <div style="font-size: 1.2em; font-weight: bold;"><del>3/22/16</del></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
NISHIHARA, Clarence K. (C)	/			
ESPERO, Will (VC)	/			
BAKER, Rosalyn H.	/			
INOUE, Lorraine R.	/			
SLOM, Sam	/			
<b>TOTAL</b>	5			
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="text-align: center; margin-top: 10px;"> </div>				
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