

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

1239

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 29 2017

RE: S.C.R. No. 131

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi  
President of the Senate  
Twenty-Ninth State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2017  
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Public Safety, Intergovernmental, and  
Military Affairs, to which was referred S.C.R. No. 131 entitled:

"SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION URGING THE GOVERNOR, THE  
ATTORNEY GENERAL, THE MAYORS OF EACH COUNTY, AND VARIOUS  
STATE AND COUNTY LEADERS TO FIRMLY UPHOLD BOTH THE  
CONSTITUTIONS OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND HAWAII TO  
PRESERVE AND PROTECT OUR CIVIL RIGHTS AND TO ENSURE THE  
SAFETY OF IMMIGRANTS IN OUR COMMUNITIES,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to urge the  
Governor, the Attorney General, the mayors of each county, and  
various state and county leaders to uphold the constitutions of  
the United States and Hawaii to preserve and protect civil rights  
and ensure the safety of immigrants in the State.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure  
from the IMUAlliance, Planned Parenthood Votes Northwest and  
Hawaii, and one individual.

Your Committee finds that protecting and preserving the civil  
rights of all members of the community are essential to promoting  
and protecting the public welfare. The guarantees of certain  
civil rights are enshrined in the federal and state constitutions.  
Recent actions and statements emanating from the executive branch  
of the federal government have created uncertainty as it relates  
to the protection of certain individual civil rights, particularly



as those protections pertain to immigrant communities. Immigrant communities, especially in this State, make vital social, cultural, and economic contributions to our society. It is therefore critical that government work to ensure that the rights of immigrants are not illegally infringed upon. To ensure the protection of all citizens' civil rights, and particularly those of immigrants, state and county agencies and law enforcement officers are urged to uphold the federal and state constitutions and to resist any illegal actions that the federal government might take that would threaten the constitutionally protected rights of all citizens, including immigrants.

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.C.R. No. 131 and recommends that it be referred to your Committee on Judiciary and Labor.

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

  
CLARENCE K. NISHIHARA, Chair



**Record of Votes**  
**Committee on Public Safety, Intergovernmental, and Military Affairs**  
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\*Only one measure per Record of Votes