STAND. COM. REP. NO. 2136

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: S.B. No. 2851 S.D. 1

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi President of the Senate Thirtieth State Legislature Regular Session of 2020 State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Public Safety, Intergovernmental, and Military Affairs, to which was referred S.B. No. 2851 entitled:

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

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to authorize the Department of the Attorney General to have law enforcement vehicles.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of the Attorney General and Maui Police Department. Your Committee received comments on this measure from one individual.

Your Committee finds that existing law tasks the Attorney General with the responsibility to investigate and prosecute violations of law. Investigators with the Department of the Attorney General and the Attorney General each have all the powers and authority of a police officer or a deputy sheriff. Despite this authority, your Committee finds that the Department of the Attorney General does not have the official and explicit authority to use law enforcement vehicles with emergency response lights. While law enforcement officers with the Department of the Attorney General are primarily investigators, they are also emergency responders that require the use of properly equipped emergency vehicles. This measure will address this oversight by authorizing

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the Department of the Attorney General to use a law enforcement vehicle.

Your Committee has amended this measure by making a technical, nonsubstantive amendment 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 is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2851, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2851, S.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Judiciary.

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

CLARENCE K. NISHIHARA, Chair

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## The Senate Thirtieth Legislature State of Hawai'i

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

Bill / Resolution No.:*	Committee		Da	te:	
SB 2857	PSM	JDC		2/11/2	020
The Committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure.  If so, then the previous decision was to:					
The Recommendation is:					
Pass, unamended Pass, with amendments Hold Recommit 2312 2311 2310 2313					
Members		Aye /	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
NISHIHARA, Clarence K. (C)		V/			-
WAKAI, Glenn (VC)					
BAKER, Rosalyn H.		V			
HARIMOTO, Breene					V /
FEVELLA, Kurt					
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Recommendation:  Adopted  Not Adopted					
Chair's or Designee's Signature:					
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