## STAND. COM. REP. NO. 2928

Honolulu, Hawaii

## FEB 2 7 2020

RE: S.B. No. 3151

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

Sir:

Your Committee on Judiciary, to which was referred S.B. No. 3151 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO EQUAL ACCESS TO PUBLIC CONVENIENCES,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to require that any pair of separate-gender public restrooms or separate-gender toilet facilities of any public amusement facility constructed, renovated, retrofitted, or installed after January 1, 2021, shall have two exclusively female-use toilets for each exclusively maleuse toilet and two exclusively female-use toilets for each exclusively male-use urinal.

Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Land and Natural Resources and Hawai'i Civil Rights Commission.

Your Committee finds that women have unequal access in the use and enjoyment of public restroom facilities and that unequal access is a form of discrimination based upon sex. For reasons of anatomy and culture, women require greater accommodations to attend to their needs. Thus, in the interest of equality, separate-gender public restrooms and toilet facilities should provide women with equal access to toilets as men. Your Committee further finds that the availability of unisex or gender-neutral bathroom facilities resolves a number of equality concerns and



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therefore encourages public amusement facilities to consider installing such facilities whenever the opportunity should arise.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Judiciary that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 3151 and recommends that it pass Second Reading and be placed on the calendar for Third Reading.

> Respectfully submitted on behalf of the members of the Committee on Judiciary,

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KARL RHOADS, Chair



## The Senate Thirtieth Legislature State of Hawaiʻi

## Record of Votes Committee on Judiciary JDC

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SB 3151	JDC		2/20/2020			
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		Ауе	Aye (W	R) Nay	Excused	
RHOADS, Karl (C)						
KEOHOKALOLE, Jarrett (VC)						
GABBARD, Mike						
KIM, Donna Mercado		/				
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