

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

401

Honolulu, Hawaii

, 2021

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RE: H.B. No. 724

H.D. 2

Honorable Scott K. Saiki
Speaker, House of Representatives
Thirty-First State Legislature
Regular Session of 2021
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs, to which was referred H.B. No. 724, H.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to prohibit the application of travel restrictions implemented during a state of emergency or local state of emergency to essential workers unless the application of those travel restrictions to essential workers has first been approved by the Governor.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Hawaii Primary Care Association, Hawaii Medical Service Association, and Matson Navigation Company, Inc. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Hawaii Emergency Management Agency.

Your Committee finds that ensuring that essential workers have the ability to travel without restriction to perform their jobs safely is critical to the State's ability to maintain the operation of critical infrastructure and community lifelines. Essential workers are required to be able to perform their jobs at any given notice and any type of travel restriction on essential workers would hinder their ability to provide necessary services to residents of the State. Your Committee recognizes the efforts

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of all the workers in the State, including the importance of workers in the wi-fi and television network connection and programming sectors as dependable and reliable communication during an emergency is critical.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Expanding the definition of "essential worker" to include workers in the wi-fi and television network connection and programming sectors; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 724, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it be referred to your Committee on Finance in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 724, H.D. 2.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Judiciary &
Hawaiian Affairs,



MARK M. NAKASHIMA, Chair



Record of Votes of the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs

Bill/Resolution No.: HB 724 HD1	Committee Referral: PDP/ECD, JHA, FIN	Date: 2-11-21		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.				
The recommendation is to: <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended (as is) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments (HD) <input type="checkbox"/> Hold <input type="checkbox"/> Pass short form bill with HD to recommit for future public hearing (recommit)				
JHA Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. NAKASHIMA, Mark M. (C)	✓			
2. MATAYOSHI, Scot Z. (VC)	✓			
3. ICHIYAMA, Linda	✓			
4. KOBAYASHI, Dale T.	✓			
5. LoPRESTI, Matthew S.	✓			
6. LOWEN, Nicole E.	✓			
7. McKELVEY, Angus L.K.	✓			
8. NAKAMURA, Nadine K.	✓			
9. TAKUMI, Roy M.	✓			
10. TODD, Chris	✓			
11. TOKIOKA, James Kunane	✓			
12. WARD, Gene	✓			
TOTAL (12)	12	0	0	0
The recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
If joint referral, _____ did not support recommendation. committee acronym(s)				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature:				
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