

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

1652

Honolulu, Hawaii

, 2021

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RE: S.C.R. No. 66

S.D. 1

H.D. 1

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 S.C.R. No. 66, S.D. 1, entitled:

"SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION CONDEMNING AND DENOUNCING ALL FORMS OF ANTI-ASIAN SENTIMENT AND ALL ACTS OF RACISM, XENOPHOBIA, INTOLERANCE, DISCRIMINATION, HATE CRIME, AND HATE SPEECH AGAINST ASIAN AMERICANS AND ASIAN INDIVIDUALS IN THE UNITED STATES AND REQUESTING THE HAWAII CIVIL RIGHTS COMMISSION TO ANALYZE AND REPORT ON ANTI-ASIAN SENTIMENT AND ACTS IN THE STATE,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to condemn and denounce all forms of anti-Asian sentiment and all acts of racism, xenophobia, intolerance, discrimination, hate crime, and hate speech against Asian Americans and Asian individuals in the United States.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Japanese American Citizens League - Honolulu Chapter, Aloha Aina Party, Hawai'i Friends of Civil Rights, Democratic Party of Hawaii Education Caucus, Imua Alliance, and five individuals. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Hawai'i Civil Rights Commission.

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Your Committee finds that, despite the undeniable history of persistent discrimination, violence, and hate crimes against Asians in the United States, racism against Asians is often considered nonexistent, insignificant, or justified. Your Committee further finds that since the outbreak of coronavirus disease in 2019, anti-Asian sentiment has surged and random crimes and hate crimes against Asians skyrocketed, instigating violent attacks against individuals of not only Chinese, but also of Thai, Vietnamese, Filipino, Korean, Japanese, and other Asian origins. Your Committee additionally finds that the persistent discrimination, violence, and hate crimes against Asians in the United States are placing Asian individuals and their families, communities, and businesses at risk.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) 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 Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of S.C.R. No. 66, S.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends its adoption in the form attached hereto as S.C.R. No. 66, S.D. 1, H.D. 1.

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


For MARK M. NAKASHIMA, Chair



Record of Votes of the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs

Bill/Resolution No.: <i>SCR 66 SD1</i>	Committee Referral: <i>JHA</i>	Date: <i>APR 5, 2021</i>		
<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)	X			
2. MATAYOSHI, Scot Z. (VC)	X			
3. ICHIYAMA, Linda				X
4. KOBAYASHI, Dale T.	X			
5. LoPRESTI, Matthew S.	X			
6. LOWEN, Nicole E.	X			
7. McKELVEY, Angus L.K.				X
8. NAKAMURA, Nadine K.	X			
9. TAKUMI, Roy M.	X			
10. TODD, Chris	X			
11. TOKIOKA, James Kunane				X
12. WARD, Gene	X			
TOTAL (12)	<i>9</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>3</i>
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: <i>[Signature]</i>				
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