

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 1325

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 30 2021

RE: S.R. No. 44

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate
Thirty-First State Legislature
Regular Session of 2021
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Public Safety, Intergovernmental, and
Military Affairs, to which was referred S.R. No. 44 entitled:

"SENATE RESOLUTION URGING MEMBERS OF THE UNITED STATES
CONGRESS TO ENACT FEDERAL LEGISLATION GRANTING STATEHOOD TO
THE PEOPLE OF WASHINGTON, D.C.,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to urge the United
States Congress to enact federal legislation granting statehood to
the people of Washington, D.C.

Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this
measure from one individual.

Your Committee finds that the passage of the Organic Act of
1801 placed the District of Columbia under the exclusive authority
of the United States Congress and abolished residents' right to
vote for members of Congress and the President and Vice President
of the United States. Residents of the District of Columbia were
granted the right to vote for the President and Vice President
through passage of the Twenty-Third Amendment to the United States
Constitution in 1961. Residents of the District of Columbia share
all the responsibilities of United States citizenship, including
paying more federal taxes than residents of twenty-two states,
service on federal juries, and defending the United States as
members of the United States armed forces in every war since the
War for Independence, yet they are denied full representation in



Congress. The residents of the District of Columbia lack full democracy, equality, and citizenship enjoyed by the residents of the fifty states. This measure will urge the United States Congress to provide the residents of the District of Columbia with the same democratic rights guaranteed to the residents of the existing fifty states.

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.R. No. 44 and recommends its adoption.

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

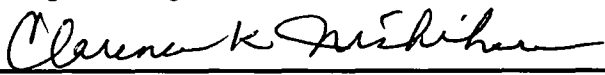
Clarence K. Nishihara

CLARENCE K. NISHIHARA, Chair



The Senate
Thirty-First Legislature
State of Hawai'i

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

Bill / Resolution No.:* <i>SR 44</i>	Committee Referral: <i>PSM</i>	Date: <i>3/23/2021</i>		
<input type="checkbox"/> The Committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure. If so, then the previous decision was to: _____				
The Recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312 <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311 <input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310 <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
NISHIHARA, Clarence K. (C)	/			
ENGLISH, J. Kalani (VC)				/
BAKER, Rosalyn H.	/			
RIVIERE, Gil			/	
FEVELLA, Kurt	/			
TOTAL	<i>3</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>1</i>
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: 				
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*Only one measure per Record of Votes