

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: S.R. No. 48
S.D. 1

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

Sir:

Your Committee on Judiciary, to which was referred S.R.
No. 48 entitled:

"SENATE 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,"

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 Hawai'i Civil Rights Commission, Imua Alliance, Democratic
Party of Hawai'i Education Caucus, and four individuals. Your
Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from
one individual.

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 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) Inserting language describing recent anti-Asian sentiment and acts;
- (2) Requesting the Hawaii Civil Rights Commission to collect and analyze incidents based on anti-Asian sentiment that have occurred in Hawaii since March, 2020, and submit a report of findings and recommendations to the Legislature;
- (3) Providing for a certified copy to be sent to the Executive Director of the Hawaii Civil Rights Commission;
- (4) Making conforming amendments to the title; and
- (5) 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 that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of S.R. No. 48, as amended herein, and recommends its adoption in the form attached hereto as S.R. No. 48, S.D. 1.

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



KARL RHOADS, Chair



