

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 3803

Honolulu, Hawaii

APR - 6 2022

RE: S.R. No. 72

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi  
President of the Senate  
Thirty-First State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2022  
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committees on Government Operations and Public Safety, Intergovernmental, and Military Affairs, to which was referred S.R. No. 72 entitled:

"SENATE RESOLUTION URGING THE COUNTIES TO RECOGNIZE 911 EMERGENCY SERVICES DISPATCHERS AS FIRST RESPONDERS IN THEIR RESPECTIVE JURISDICTIONS,"

beg leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to urge all the counties to recognize emergency services dispatchers as first responders.

Your Committees received testimony in support of this measure from the Honolulu Police Department; State of Hawaii Organization of Police Officer;, Hawaii Government Employees Association, AFSCME Local 152, AFL-CIO; and thirty-six individuals.


Your Committees recognize that there is simply no rational basis to not classify 911 emergency services dispatchers as first responders. Your Committees find that 911 emergency services dispatchers are a critical part of the public safety system and play a critical role in emergency response. Your Committees further find that these dispatchers deal with immensely stressful, dynamic, and life-and-death situations on a daily basis. Their duties involve rapid information-gathering and split-second decision-making that affect the safety and well-being of the public, as well as field responders. Accordingly, this measure



acknowledges the monumental and integral public safety role served by 911 emergency services dispatchers by urging all the counties to recognize emergency services dispatchers, who receive, dispatch, and respond to 911 calls, texts, and other requests, as first responders in their respective jurisdictions.

As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committees on Government Operations and Public Safety, Intergovernmental, and Military Affairs that are attached to this report, your Committees concur with the intent and purpose of S.R. No. 72 and recommend its adoption.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the members of the Committees on Government Operations and Public Safety, Intergovernmental, and Military Affairs,

  
CLARENCE K. NISHIHARA, Chair

  
SHARON MORIWAKI, Chair



The Senate  
 Thirty-First Legislature  
 State of Hawai'i

**Record of Votes**  
**Committee on Government Operations**  
**GVO**

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| Bill / Resolution No.:*<br><b>SR 72</b>  | Committee Referral:<br><b>GVO/PSM</b> | Date:<br><b>03/31/22</b> |     |          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> The Committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure.<br>If so, then the previous decision was to: _____  |                                       |                          |     |          |
| The Recommendation is:<br><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  |
| MORIWAKI, Sharon Y. (C)  | X                                     |                          |     |          |
| DELA CRUZ, Donovan M. (VC)   |                                       |                          |     | X        |
| CHANG, Stanley   | X                                     |                          |     |          |
| GABBARD, Mike  |                                       |                          |     | X        |
| FEVELLA, Kurt  | X                                     |                          |     |          |
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| Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted   |                                       |                          |     |          |
| Chair's or Designee's Signature: _____   |                                       |                          |     |          |
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