

STAND. COM. REP. NO. **3100**

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 15 2024

RE: H.B. No. 2458
H.D. 1
S.D. 1

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate
Thirty-Second State Legislature
Regular Session of 2024
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Public Safety and Intergovernmental and Military Affairs, to which was referred H.B. No. 2458, H.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF LAW ENFORCEMENT,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to clarify that the Director of Law Enforcement has authority to issue subpoenas as part of the investigative powers of the Department of Law Enforcement.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Law Enforcement.

Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from two individuals.

Your Committee finds that Act 278, Session Laws of Hawaii 2022, established a new Department of Law Enforcement to consolidate and administer state criminal law enforcement and investigations of various state departments. Your Committee further finds that while the Director of Law Enforcement currently has subpoena powers for purposes of investigations under the Uniform Controlled Substances Act, it is necessary to clarify that



the Director's subpoena powers extend to other investigations conducted by the Department of Law Enforcement. This measure will allow the Director and the Department of Law Enforcement to competently conduct investigations.

Your Committee has amended this measure by 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 Public Safety and Intergovernmental and Military Affairs that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2458, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2458, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Judiciary.

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



GLENN WAKAI, Chair



