

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 2487

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 16 2024

RE: S.B. No. 2569
S.D. 1

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

Sir:

Your Committees on Health and Human Services and Labor and Technology, to which was referred S.B. No. 2569 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO WORKPLACE SAFETY,"

beg leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to allow a person who employs or contracts with a health care worker who suffers an act of violence to report the event to law enforcement and petition for a temporary restraining order and injunction under certain circumstances.

Your Committees received testimony in support of this measure from the Hawai'i State Center for Nursing, Waianae Coast Comprehensive Health Center, and two individuals.

Your Committees find that recent amendments to state law expanded protections for health care workers by increasing the penalties for assaulting a health care worker. However, some victims fear their personal information will be discoverable should the health care worker choose to personally press charges for the assault they experienced at their workplace. This measure will enable the employer to intervene to seek the proper protections and complement recent laws to positively impact the health care work environment.



Your Committees have amended this measure by making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity and consistency.

As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committees on Health and Human Services and Labor and Technology that are attached to this report, your Committees are in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2569, as amended herein, and recommend that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2569, S.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Judiciary.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committees on Health and Human
Services and Labor and
Technology,


HENRY J.C. AQUINO, Chair


JOY A. SAN BUENAVENTURA, Chair



The Senate
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Record of Votes
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| Bill / Resolution No.:* SB2569 | Committee Referral: HHS/LBT, JDC | Date: 3/12/24 | | |
| <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 type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311 <input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310 <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313 | | | | |
| Members | Aye | Aye (WR) | Nay | Excused |
| AQUINO, Henry J.C. (C) | X | | | |
| MORIWAKI, Sharon Y. (VC) | X | | | |
| IHARA, Jr., Les | X | | | |
| LEE, Chris | | | | 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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