

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 2925

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 01 2024

RE: S.B. No. 2569  
S.D. 2

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

Sir:

Your Committee on Judiciary, to which was referred S.B. No. 2569, S.D. 1, entitled:

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

begs 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 at the health care facility to report the event to law enforcement and petition for a temporary restraining order and injunction under certain circumstances.

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

Your Committee finds that while Act 147, Session Laws of Hawaii 2018, expanded protections for all health care workers who are victims of an act of violence, more can be done via legislation to provide a health care worker the legal safeguards that are critical in the aftermath of an assault. Your Committee further finds that a 2023 report published by the Hawai'i State Center for Nursing found that sixty-four percent of all nurses experienced some type of physical or verbal violence by a patient or visitor in the last twelve months. This measure will prioritize the safety and security of health care workers by



allowing an employer to seek proper legal and safety protections in the event of an act of violence.

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 Judiciary that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2569, S.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2569, S.D. 2.

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



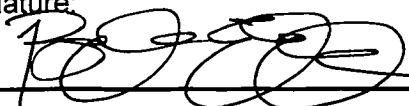
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KARL RHOADS, Chair



The Senate  
 Thirty-Second Legislature  
 State of Hawai'i

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SB 2569 SD1	HHS / VBT, JDC	02   28   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	
RHOADS, Karl (C)	✓	
GABBARD, Mike (VC)		✓
ELEFANTE, Brandon J.C.	✓	
SAN BUENAVENTURA, Joy A.	✓	
AWA, Brenton	✓	
<b>TOTAL</b>	4	0
0	1	
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted		
Chair's or Designee's Signature:		
		
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