STAND. COM. REP. NO. 355

Honolulu, Hawaii

## APR 0 3 2024

RE: S.C.R. No. 156 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 S.C.R. No. 156 entitled:

"SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION URGING CONGRESS TO TAKE IMMEDIATE AND DECISIVE ACTION TO SUPPORT MIDDLE- AND LOWER-INCOME HOUSEHOLDS IN AMERICA,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to urge the United States Congress to take immediate and decisive action to support middle- and lower-income households in America.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Stonewall Caucus of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i.

Your Committee finds that the United States faces an ongoing crisis of inequality with middle- and lower-income households bearing the brunt of economic hardship. Your Committee further finds that despite being one of the wealthiest nations in the world, the United States ranks poorly in numerous health and social indicators, reflecting systemic failures in addressing the needs of its most vulnerable members of society. Your Committee concludes that it imperative for Congress to prioritize the wellbeing of all citizens and enact legislation that promotes fairness, justice, and opportunity for every individual.



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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 concurs with the intent and purpose of S.C.R. No. 156, as amended herein, and recommends its adoption in the form attached hereto as S.C.R. No. 156, S.D. 1.

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

GLENN WAKA Chair



## The Senate Thirty-Second Legislature State of Hawaiʻi

## Record of Votes Committee on Public Safety and Intergovernmental and Military Affairs PSM

Bill / Resolution No.:*	Committee		Dat	e: 4/1/2	Y
The Committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure.					
If so, then the previous decision was to:					
The Recommendation is:					
Pass, unamended Pass, with amendments Hold Recommit 2312 2311 2310 2313					
Members		Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
WAKAI, Glenn (C)					
ELEFANTE, Brandon J.C. (VC)		V,			
FUKUNAGA, Carol		/			
RHOADS, Karl		V			
AWA, Brenton					V
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