STAND. COM. REP. NO. 35

Honolulu, Hawaii APR 0 3 2024 RE: S.R. No. 35

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.R. No. 35 entitled:

"SENATE RESOLUTION URGING THE DEPARTMENT OF LAW ENFORCEMENT TO DEVELOP AND IMPLEMENT A U VISA CERTIFICATION POLICY,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to urge the Department of Law Enforcement to develop and implement a U visa certification policy.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Law Enforcement, The Legal Clinic, Hawai'i Friends of Civil Rights, Valar Law LLC, Hawai'i Coalition for Immigrant Rights, and three individuals.

Your Committee finds that the U visa is an immigration benefit for immigrant victims of certain crimes who will assist, are currently assisting, or have previously assisted law enforcement in the investigation or prosecution of a crime. Your Committee further finds that the U visa provides eligible immigrant victims with nonimmigrant status to temporarily remain in the United States while assisting law enforcement, allowing these individuals to legally remain and work in the United States. Your Committee concludes that the State would benefit from having a U visa certification policy to ensure that victims of certain crimes have a safe opportunity to report these crimes without fear of deportation.



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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.R. No. 35 and recommends its adoption.

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

GLENN WAKAI, hair



The Senate Thirty-Second Legislature State of Hawaiʻi

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

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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		V/_			
RHOADS, Karl		V			
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