STAND. COM. REP. NO. [72] -24

Honolulu, Hawaii

, 2024

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RE: H.C.R. No. 74 H.D. 1

Honorable Scott K. Saiki Speaker, House of Representatives Thirty-Second State Legislature Regular Session of 2024 State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs, to which was referred H.C.R. No. 74 entitled:

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

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose 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; Valar Law LLC; Hawai'i Workers Center; Hawai'i Friends of Civil Rights; Hawai'i Coalition for Immigrant Rights; Hawai'i Alliance for Progressive Action; and seven individuals.

Your Committee finds that federal law allows eligible undocumented immigrant victims to petition for nonimmigrant status under a U visa, which allows the victims to temporarily remain and work in the United States while assisting law enforcement. Having a U visa certification policy for the State will encourage undocumented immigrant victims to report and assist the investigation and prosecution of crimes involving domestic violence, sexual assault, and human trafficking.

Your Committee has amended this measure by making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of H.C.R. No. 74, as amended herein, and recommends its adoption in the form attached hereto as H.C.R. No. 74, H.D. 1.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the members of the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs,

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DAVID A. TARNAS, Chair

## State of Hawaii

## Record of Votes of the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs

Bill/Resolution No.:	Committe	e Referral: HA	Date	4/2/2	24
☐ The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.					
The recommendation is to:  Pass, unamended (as is)  Pass, with amendments (HD)  Hold  Pass short form bill with HD to recommit for future public hearing (recommit)					
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Vice Chair's or designee's signature:					
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