

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: S.B. No. 601  
S.D. 1  
H.D. 1  
C.D. 1

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi  
President of the Senate  
Thirty-Third State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2025  
State of Hawaii

Honorable Nadine K. Nakamura  
Speaker, House of Representatives  
Thirty-Third State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2025  
State of Hawaii

Sir and Madam:

Your Committee on Conference on the disagreeing vote of the Senate to the amendments proposed by the House of Representatives in S.B. No. 601, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATED TO LAW ENFORCEMENT,"

having met, and after full and free discussion, has agreed to recommend and does recommend to the respective Houses the final passage of this bill in an amended form.

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Require law enforcement to post notice that a warranted or warrantless search has been conducted on a property;
- (2) Require a law enforcement officer to secure any entrance used by an officer in the search;
- (3) Require law enforcement agencies to develop a policy for securing the entrances to a house, store, or other building designated as a place to be searched after a search is completed; and



- (4) Allow the breaking of any doors, gates, other bars to the entrance, closets, and other closed places during a search when reasonable and other means of entering the space are not reasonable.

Your Committee on Conference finds that both the United States Constitution and the Hawaii State Constitution afford individuals the right to be free from unreasonable searches and seizures. Your Committee on Conference further finds that public safety and the reasonableness standard for searches conducted by law enforcement in the State are upheld by requiring officers executing searches to follow certain appropriate procedures regarding the posting of notices, securing of entrances, and breaking of property to access private spaces.

Your Committee on Conference has amended this measure by making it effective upon its approval.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the managers of your Committee on Conference that is attached to this report, your Committee on Conference is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 601, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Final Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 601, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, C.D. 1.

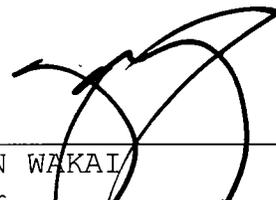
Respectfully submitted on behalf of the managers:

ON THE PART OF THE HOUSE

ON THE PART OF THE SENATE



DAVID A. TARNAS  
Chair




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GLENN WAKAI  
Chair




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