

Honolulu, Hawaii

**MAR 23**, 2026

RE: S.B. No. 2054  
S.D. 2  
H.D. 1

Honorable Nadine K. Nakamura  
Speaker, House of Representatives  
Thirty-Third State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2026  
State of Hawaii

Madame:

Your Committee on Public Safety, to which was referred S.B. No. 2054, S.D. 2, entitled:

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

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to prohibit the Hawaii National Guard from deploying to assist federal troops, federal law enforcement, or the National Guard of any other state operating in Hawaii when the Governor has objected in writing to the deployments.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Office of Hawaiian Affairs; American Civil Liberties Union of Hawai'i; The Legal Clinic; League of Women Voters of Hawaii; UNITE HERE Local 5; Libertarian Party of Hawaii; Hawaii Filipino Lawyers Association; Imua Alliance; Roots Reborn; Matriarchy Rising; Kona Indivisible; and numerous individuals. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from the Hawai'i National Guard. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Hawaii Military Affairs Council.

Your Committee finds that the current presidential administration has recently federalized and deployed National Guard units in various states, despite the objections of those



states' Governors. These deployments have resulted in serious abuses of civil rights against the residents of those states, including the excessive use of force, racial profiling, and illegal detention. Your Committee believes that this measure is necessary to protect the State's sovereignty and to prevent state resources, including the Hawaii National Guard, from being co-opted into federal operations that lack the consent of the State's government.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Removing facilities, property, and equipment from the types of resources that the Hawaii National Guard is prohibited from using to assist, cooperate with, or facilitate an operation by federal troops, federal law enforcement, or the National Guard of any other state;
- (2) Changing its effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (3) Making a technical, nonsubstantive amendment for the purpose of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Public Safety that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2054, S.D. 2, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2054, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs.

Respectfully submitted on  
behalf of the members of the  
Committee on Public Safety,



DELLA AU BELATTI, Chair



Record of Votes of the Committee on Public Safety

Bill/Resolution No.: <b>SB 2054, SD2</b>	Committee Referral: <b>PBS, UHA</b>	Date: <b>3/18/2026</b>		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.				
The recommendation is to: <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended (as is) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments (HD) <input type="checkbox"/> Hold <input type="checkbox"/> Pass short form bill with HD to recommit for future public hearing (recommit)				
PBS Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. BELATTI, Della Au (C)	✓			
2. IWAMOTO, Kim Coco (VC)	✓			
3. HASHEM, Mark J.	✓			
4. ICHIYAMA, Linda	✓			
5. MORIKAWA, Dee	✓			
6. POEPOE, Mahina	✓			
7. WOODSON, Justin H.	✓			
8. SHIMIZU, Garner M.			✓	
9. SOUZA, Kanani	✓			
TOTAL (9)	8		1	
The recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted If joint referral, _____ did not support recommendation. <div style="text-align:center; font-size: small;">committee acronym(s)</div>				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature:				
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