

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 24 , 2026

RE: S.B. No. 2519
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 Labor, to which was referred S.B. No. 2519
entitled:

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

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to extend the deadlines for
the completion of law enforcement officer certification
requirements.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure
from the Department of Law Enforcement; Department of the Attorney
General; Law Enforcement Standards Board; Department of the
Prosecuting Attorney of the County of Maui; Office of the
Prosecuting Attorney of the County of Hawai'i; Kaua'i Police
Department; and one individual.

Your Committee finds that the statewide law enforcement
officer certification program requires substantial administrative,
staffing, and operational capacity to be implemented fully and
effectively. Despite progress made by the Law Enforcement
Standards Board, the existing statutory deadlines do not align
with the remaining work necessary to establish a comprehensive
certification system, and that premature enforcement could create
uncertainty regarding officer eligibility and expose law
enforcement agencies and criminal proceedings to legal risk. This



measure will allow the State to complete implementation of a uniform, statewide certification program that supports professional standards, public safety, and legal stability across all law enforcement agencies.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (2) Making a technical, nonsubstantive amendment for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Labor that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2519, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2519, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Labor,



JACKSON D. SAYAMA, Chair



