

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

100

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 09 , 2021

RE: H.B. No. 157
H.D. 1

Honorable Scott K. Saiki
Speaker, House of Representatives
Thirty-First State Legislature
Regular Session of 2021
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Government Reform, to which was referred
H.B. No. 157 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC AGENCY MEETINGS AND
RECORDS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to authorize any board,
subject to the State's Sunshine Law to hold a closed executive
meeting to consider statements and information obtained from
witnesses or victims during the course of any investigation into
the hire, evaluation, dismissal, or discipline of an officer or
employee or of charges brought against the officer or employee,
where consideration of matters affecting a witness's or victim's
privacy will be involved.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure
from the Office of the Mayor of the County of Maui. Your
Committee received comments on this measure from the Office of
Information Practices.

Your Committee finds that investigations by a government
agency into the hire, evaluation, dismissal, or discipline of
government officers or employees or charges against government
officers or employees may involve victims and witnesses who are
supervised by the government officer or employee being

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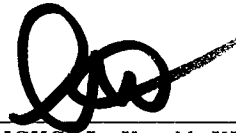
investigated or charged. This measure will encourage victims and other witnesses of misconduct by government officers and employees to testify before government agencies by protecting victims' and witnesses' privacy and reducing the fear of threats and retaliation.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing its effective date to July 1, 2112, 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 Government Reform that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 157, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 157, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Government Reform,

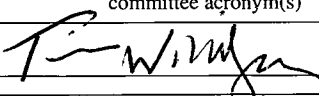


ANGUS L.K. MCKELVEY, Chair



State of Hawaii
House of Representatives
The Thirty-first Legislature **HSCR 100**

Record of Votes of the Committee on Government Reform

Bill/Resolution No.: HB 157		Committee Referral: GVR, JHA, FIN		Date: 2.3.21	
<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)					
GVR Members		Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. MCKELVEY, Angus L.K. (C)		✓			
2. WILDBERGER, Tina (VC)		✓			
3. CULLEN, Ty J.K.		✓			
4. ELI, Stacelynn K.M.		✓			
5. ICHIYAMA, Linda		✓			
6. MIZUNO, John M.		✓			
7. WOODSON, Justin H.		✓			
8. YAMASHITA, Kyle T.		✓			
9. WARD, Gene		✓			
TOTAL (9)		9	0	0	0
The recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted If joint referral, _____ did not support recommendation. committee acronym(s)					
Vice Chair's or designee's signature: 					
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