

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

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Honolulu, Hawaii

, 2021

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RE: H.B. No. 539

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 Pandemic & Disaster Preparedness, to which was referred H.B. No. 539 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THREAT ASSESSMENT,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to establish a program within the Hawaii State Fusion Center to train, establish, and operate threat assessment teams.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Education and Hawaii Association of School Psychologists. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Office of Information Practices.

Your Committee finds that having a team of individuals who can provide threat assessments for state agencies can help identify, assess, and manage potential threats before they occur. Creating a team of professionals from diverse sectors trained in threat assessment will encourage different information and perspectives that can help find solutions to manage threats. Your Committee believes that having a program that allows the State to take preemptive measures against threats can improve the State's ability to protect its residents and visitors.

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Your Committee notes the testimony of the Office of Information Practices that the current placement of language regarding the exemption of certain personal records from disclosure may be better placed with the statute dealing with the specific records or programs that are being protected.

Accordingly, your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Placing the language regarding an exemption from disclosure of records held by a government agency's threat assessment team or the Hawaii State Fusion Center in the newly created statute establishing the threat assessment teams, rather than in the Uniform Information Practices Act;
- (2) Inserting an effective date of July 1, 2050, to encourage further discussion; and
- (3) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

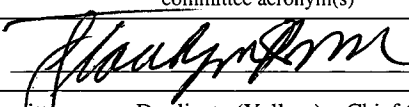
As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Pandemic & Disaster Preparedness that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 539, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 539, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Higher Education & Technology.

Respectfully submitted on  
behalf of the members of the  
Committee on Pandemic &  
Disaster Preparedness,

  
LINDA ICHIYAMA, Chair



**Record of Votes of the Committee on Pandemic & Disaster Preparedness**

Bill/Resolution No.: <b>HB 539</b>		Committee Referral: <b>PDP, HET, FIN</b>		Date: <b>2-4-21</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.				
<b>The recommendation is to:</b> <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)				
PDP Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. ICHIYAMA, Linda (C)	✓			
2. ELI, Stacelynn K.M. (VC)	✓			
3. CULLEN, Ty J.K.	✓			
4. McKELVEY, Angus L.K.	✓			
5. MIZUNO, John M.	✓			
6. WILDBERGER, Tina	✓			
7. WOODSON, Justin H.				✓
8. YAMASHITA, Kyle T.	✓			
9. WARD, Gene	✓			
<b>TOTAL (9)</b>	<b>8</b>			<b>1</b>
<b>The recommendation is:</b> <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>				
<b>Vice Chair's or designee's signature:</b> _____ <div style="text-align:center; font-family: cursive; font-size: large;">  </div>				
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