

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 413

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 19 2021

RE: S.B. No. 1046  
S.D. 1

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi  
President of the Senate  
Thirty-First State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2021  
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Public Safety, Intergovernmental, and  
Military Affairs, to which was referred S.B. No. 1046 entitled:

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

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to:

- (1) Clarify membership and certain powers and duties of the  
Law Enforcement Standards Board;
- (2) Establish new deadlines for the Law Enforcement  
Standards Board to complete its responsibilities; and
- (3) Provide appropriate funds and resources to enable the  
Law Enforcement Standards Board to accomplish its  
mission.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure  
from the Department of Taxation, Department of the Attorney  
General, Department of Land and Natural Resources, Hawai'i Police  
Department, and one individual. Your Committee received testimony  
in opposition to this measure from the Young Progressives  
Demanding Action and one individual. Your Committee received  
comments on this measure from the Department of Public Safety.

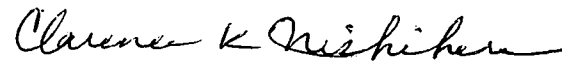


Your Committee recognizes that the Law Enforcement Standards Board's duties include the establishment and enforcement of minimum employment standards for and certification of law enforcement officers throughout the State. Your Committee believes that these employment and certification standards are necessary for public health, safety, and welfare. Your Committee finds that in order to establish appropriate standards, the Law Enforcement Standards Board needs to consult with various stakeholders, consider reputable studies, and hire appropriate staff. Your Committee also finds that all of the foregoing steps will require time, monetary resources, and the active participation of board members. This measure will provide the Law Enforcement Standards Board with the necessary resources to comply with its statutory requirements.

Your Committee has amended this measure by making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity and consistency.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Public Safety, Intergovernmental, and Military Affairs that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 1046, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 1046, S.D. 1, and be referred to your Committees on Ways and Means and Judiciary.

Respectfully submitted on  
behalf of the members of the  
Committee on Public Safety,  
Intergovernmental, and Military  
Affairs,

  
CLARENCE K. NISHIHARA, Chair



