

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

1742

Honolulu, Hawaii

APR 08 , 2021

RE: S.C.R. No. 171

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 S.C.R. No. 171 entitled:

"SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION URGING ALL LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS AND PROSECUTING ATTORNEYS IN THE STATE TO VIGOROUSLY ENFORCE AND PROSECUTE OFFENSES COMMITTED AGAINST ESSENTIAL WORKERS WHILE ON THE JOB,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to urge all law enforcement officers and prosecuting attorneys in the State to vigorously enforce and prosecute offenses committed against essential workers while on the job.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Hawaii Government Employees Association, AFSCME Local 152, AFL-CIO; UNITE HERE! Local 5; International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Local 1260; International Union of Painters and Allied Trades, District Council 50; International Longshore and Warehouse Union Local 142; United Public Workers, AFSCME Local 646, AFL-CIO; Hawaii State AFL-CIO; and one individual.

Your Committee finds that the coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) pandemic's devastating effect on public health and the economy has given rise to the public's reliance on workers of essential services. Essential workers often engage in face-to-face interaction with the public and are called upon to



enforce government-imposed restrictions and rules. This has led to unwarranted harassment and sometimes physical confrontation between essential workers and the public. This measure is necessary to provide essential workers protection, thereby ensuring the continuation of essential services during the pandemic.

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 concurs with the intent and purpose of S.C.R. No. 171 and recommends that it be referred to your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs.

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

for   
LINDA ICHIYAMA, Chair



Record of Votes of the Committee on Pandemic & Disaster Preparedness

Bill/Resolution No.: <b>SCR 171</b>	Committee Referral: <b>PDP, JHA</b>	Date: <b>4/6/21</b>		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.				
The recommendation is to: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended (as is) <input 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>6</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>3</b>
The recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted If joint referral, _____ did not support recommendation. <div style="margin-left: 100px;">committee acronym(s)</div>				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature: <u><i>Linda Ichizawa</i></u>				
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