

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

**2378**

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 15 2018

RE: S.B. No. 2047  
S.D. 1

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi  
President of the Senate  
Twenty-Ninth State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2018  
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Public Safety, Intergovernmental, and  
Military Affairs, to which was referred S.B. No. 2047 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC SAFETY,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to require the  
Auditor to conduct a performance audit of certain offices and  
programs within the Department of Public Safety and appropriate  
necessary funds for the audit.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure  
from the Hawaii Government Employees Association, Community  
Alliance on Prisons, and nine individuals. Your Committee  
received testimony in opposition to this measure from the  
Department of Public Safety. Your Committee received comments on  
this measure from the Office of the Auditor.

Your Committee finds that ensuring that public safety  
officials are sufficiently qualified and working to secure the  
public's interests is important for promoting public health,  
safety, and welfare. Protecting the public's interests requires  
proper oversight over the Department of Public Safety, and to  
provide that necessary oversight, it is appropriate to require the  
Auditor to perform an audit of certain offices and programs within  
the Department of Public Safety. In addition, your Committee  
received various testimony indicating the need to audit additional



areas of the Department. Your Committee recognizes that the proposed audit will take significant time to complete and finds that the Legislature should be kept aware of the status and findings of the audit as it progresses.

Accordingly, your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Replacing the audit of whether contracts were steered toward contractors and vendors due to familial and personal relationships to an audit of whether contracts are awarded in accordance with the state procurement code;
- (2) Amending the scope of the audit, including by adding additional programs and practices within the Department of Public Safety to be audited;
- (3) Deleting language requiring the Auditor to include proposed legislation in the report to be submitted to the Legislature;
- (4) Requiring the Auditor to submit an interim report to the Legislature no later than twenty days prior to the convening of the Regular Session of 2019; and
- (5) Extending the decline for submission of the auditor's completed report to the Legislature by one year to the Regular Session of 2020.

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. 2047, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2047, S.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Ways and Means.



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

*Clarence K. Nishihara*

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CLARENCE K. NISHIHARA, Chair



The Senate  
Twenty-Ninth Legislature  
State of Hawai'i

**Record of Votes**  
**Committee on Public Safety, Intergovernmental, and Military Affairs**  
**PSM**

Bill / Resolution No.:* <b>SB 2047</b>	Committee Referral: <b>PSM, WAM</b>	Date: <b>2/13/18</b>		
<input type="checkbox"/> The Committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure. If so, then the previous decision was to: _____				
The Recommendation is: <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311 <input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310 <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313				
Members	Aye/	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
NISHIHARA, Clarence K. (C)	✓			
WAKAI, Glenn (VC)	✓			
BAKER, Rosalyn H.	✓			
IHARA, Jr., Les	✓			
THIELEN, Laura H.	✓			
<b>TOTAL</b>	5	0	0	0
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature:				
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