

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 3411

Honolulu, Hawaii

APR 02 2024

RE: S.R. No. 73

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate
Thirty-Second State Legislature
Regular Session of 2024
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Hawaiian Affairs, to which was referred
S.R. No. 73 entitled:

"SENATE RESOLUTION URGING THE DEPARTMENT OF HAWAIIAN HOME
LANDS TO ADOPT AND IMPLEMENT A NEIGHBORHOOD SECURITY WATCH IN
EACH HOMESTEAD AREA,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to urge the
Department of Hawaiian Home Lands to adopt and implement a
neighborhood security watch in each homestead area.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure
from the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands.

Your Committee finds that state law enforcement officers and
county police officers are inconsistent in their response to
requests for law enforcement service on lands under the
jurisdiction of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands (Department)
as they often seek permission from the Department before entering
homestead lands to investigate illegal activity. Consequently,
illegal activities on homestead lands have festered and worsened,
causing homesteaders to organize themselves to protect their
communities by becoming homestead Neighborhood Security Watch
(NSW) volunteers. NSW volunteers are well-trained and work
closely with law enforcement officers to ensure safety in their
communities. This measure will promote the safety and security of



homestead lands by urging the Department to adopt and implement a Neighborhood Security Watch in each homestead area.

Your Committee notes that the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands is currently utilizing a multi-pronged approach, including the establishment of a Permitted Interaction Group (P.I.G.) to study and recommend strategies related to safety and the enforcement of lease terms and conditions on Hawaiian Home Lands. Your Committee also notes that the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands has been working to fill vacant positions for the Compliance and Enforcement Team at the Department and the Department is aware of the current collaborative efforts between neighborhood security watch groups, law enforcement, and the Department.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Hawaiian Affairs that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of S.R. No. 73 and recommends its adoption.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Hawaiian Affairs,

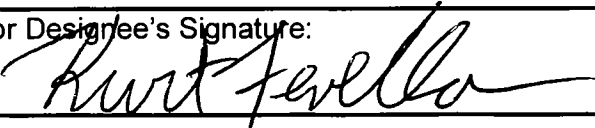


MAILE S.L. SHIMABUKURO, Chair



The Senate
 Thirty-Second Legislature
 State of Hawai'i

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Bill / Resolution No.:* SR73	Committee Referral: HWN	Date: 3/19/2024		
<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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312 <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311 <input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310 <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
SHIMABUKURO, Maile S.L. (C)	X			
FEVELLA, Kurt (VC)	X			
IHARA, Jr., Les	X			
KEOHOKALOLE, Jarrett				X
RICHARDS, III, Herbert M. "Tim"	X			
TOTAL	4			1
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: 				
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*Only one measure per Record of Votes