

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 1270

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: S.R. No. 92

Honorable Donna Mercado Kim  
President of the Senate  
Twenty-Eighth State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2015  
State of Hawaii

Madam:

Your Committees on Public Safety, Intergovernmental and Military Affairs and Judiciary and Labor, to which was referred S.R. No. 92 entitled:

"SENATE RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION TO REPORT CRIMES OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE UNDER THE UNIFORM CRIME REPORTING SYSTEM, "

beg leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to request the:

- (1) Federal Bureau of Investigation to report crimes of domestic violence under the Uniform Crime Reporting System;
- (2) Research and Statistics Branch of the Department of the Attorney General to work with the Federal Bureau of Investigation to pursue the reporting of crimes related to domestic violence as a separate Group A offense;
- (3) Department of the Attorney General to work with county police departments to develop an annual report to provide statistics of crimes and offenses relating to domestic violence in Hawaii; and
- (4) Department of the Attorney General to report to the Legislature its efforts and progress made in designated crimes and offenses relating to domestic violence as reportable offenses under the Uniform Crime Reporting program.



Your Committees received testimony in support of this measure from two individuals. Your Committees received testimony in opposition to this measure from one individual. Your Committees received comments on this measure from the Domestic Violence Action Center.

Your Committees find that under the Uniform Crime Reporting program, the Federal Bureau of Investigation compiles data from states on every incident and arrest in Group A offenses that consist of forty-six specific crimes in twenty-two offense categories. However, there is currently no classification in the Uniform Crime Reporting program for crimes or offenses of domestic violence. Statistical data on crimes and offenses of domestic violence will allow policymakers to make educated decisions regarding resources that should be directed toward domestic violence.

As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committees on Public Safety, Intergovernmental and Military Affairs and Judiciary and Labor that are attached to this report, your Committees concur with the intent and purpose of S.R. No. 92 and recommend its adoption.

Respectfully submitted on  
behalf of the members of the  
Committees on Public Safety,  
Intergovernmental and Military  
Affairs and Judiciary and  
Labor,

  
GILBERT S.C. KEITH-AGARAN, Chair

  
WILL ESPERO, Chair





