



The Judiciary, State of Hawaii

Testimony to the Senate Committee on Ways and Means

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Bill No. and Title: Senate Bill No. 1162, S.D. 1, Relating to Security Breaches of Personal Information.

Purpose: Requires government agencies to develop mandatory training programs for agency personnel to whom disclosures of personal information are made or to whom access to the personal information may be granted; requires reports of security breaches to be submitted to the information privacy and security council; requires the council to be responsible for coordination of the implementation of guidelines by government agencies; makes the comptroller or state chief information officer chair of the council; authorizes the information and communication services division to provide training; appropriates funds for the council, personnel, and security tools.

Judiciary's Position:

The Judiciary supports the overall intent of this bill. We believe that centralizing the functions of Statewide Personal Information (PI) security is a suitable remedy and that a long term unified approach to the protection of it is appropriate.

However, we ask that the immediate needs of the Judiciary also be addressed. We feel that it is important to point out the security of our information is no less important and that our need to stay current in this area is significant. Our information systems, while secure, need to have the same level of protection as the other agency's entrusted to guard this data.



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It is for these reasons that we request that in addition to the funds appropriated to the executive branch, the Judiciary also be allotted interim funds to identify potential weaknesses, provide immediate training and purchase of software/hardware to ensure the security of personal information. Our initial estimate would amount to \$150,000 for services, training and equipment & software.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on Senate Bill 1162, S.D. 1.