



The Judiciary, State of Hawaii

Testimony to the House Committee on Judiciary
Representative Gilbert S.C. Keith-Agaran, Chair
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Bill No. and Title: House Bill No. 1798, Relating to the Penal Code

Purpose: Requires the probation officer, prior to the early discharge of a defendant, to report to the court concerning the defendant's compliance or non-compliance with the terms of probation.

Judiciary's Position:

The Judiciary strongly supports House Bill 1798 which is part of the Judiciary's 2012 legislative package. Under existing law, the court may grant early discharge from probation without input from a defendant's probation officer concerning that defendant's compliance or non-compliance with the conditions of probation.

Along with the information provided by the defendant or prosecutor, this bill will ensure that there is input from a court official responsible for the defendant's supervision in every case that comes before the court for early discharge.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on House Bill No. 1798.