

Honolulu, Hawaii

February 27, 2014

RE: H.B. No. 2654

H.D. 1

Honorable Joseph M. Souki
Speaker, House of Representatives
Twenty-Seventh State Legislature
Regular Session of 2014
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Judiciary, to which was referred H.B. No. 2654 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO VICTIM RESTITUTION,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to assist crime victims to achieve financial justice by ensuring that victim restitution payments are uniformly collected from inmates at the rate of 25 percent of the total of all moneys earned, new deposits, and credits to an inmate's individual account, notwithstanding any other law or court order to the contrary.

The Office of the Prosecuting Attorney of the County of Hawai'i, Office of the Prosecuting Attorney of the County of Kaua'i, Department of the Prosecuting Attorney of the City and County of Honolulu, Department of the Prosecuting Attorney of the County of Maui, Crime Victim Compensation Commission, Sex Abuse Treatment Center, and several concerned individuals testified in support of this measure. The Department of the Attorney General and Department of Public Safety testified in opposition to this measure.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Specifying that the amendments proposed by this measure only apply to orders for restitution issued after the measure's effective date; and



- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Judiciary that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2654, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2654, H.D. 1, and be placed on the calendar for Third Reading.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Judiciary,



KARL RHOADS, Chair



