

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 718

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 06 2015

RE: S.B. No. 230

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

Madam:

Your Committee on Ways and Means, to which was referred S.B. No. 230 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO RESTITUTION FOR VICTIMS OF CRIME,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to clarify that crime victims may be fully reimbursed for all reasonable and verified losses resulting from a defendant's offense, specifically restitution for mental health treatment, counseling, and therapy.

Your Committee received written comments in support of this measure from the County of Kauai, Office of the Prosecuting Attorney; City and County of Honolulu, Department of the Prosecuting Attorney; Sex Abuse Treatment Center; and one individual. Your Committee received written comments on this measure from the Department of Public Safety.

Your Committee finds that, due to the current language in section 706-646, Hawaii Revised Statutes, crime victims may not be able to fully recover their reasonable and verified losses resulting from a defendant's offense, specifically lost earnings and expenses for mental health treatment, therapy, and counseling. Your Committee also finds that crime victims deserve to be compensated for lost earnings due to injuries and related medical expenses as a result of a defendant's offense. Your Committee believes that the inclusion of specific language to section 706-646, Hawaii Revised Statutes, will clarify the Legislature's intent for crime victims to recover these reasonable costs.

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As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Ways and Means that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 230 and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Ways and Means,

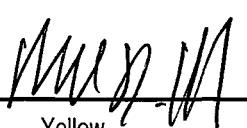


JILL N. TOKUDA, Chair



The Senate
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Bill / Resolution No.:* SB230	Committee Referral: JDL/PSM/WAM	Date: 2/27/15		
<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
TOKUDA, Jill N. (C)	✓			
KOUCHI, Ronald D. (VC)	✓			
CHUN OAKLAND, Suzanne	✓			
DELA CRUZ, Donovan M.	✓			
ENGLISH, J. Kalani	✓			
GALUTERIA, Brickwood	✓			
HARIMOTO, Breene	✓			
INOUYE, Lorraine R.	✓			
RIVIERE, Gil	✓			
RUDERMAN, Russell E.	✓			
SLOM, Sam	✓			
TOTAL	11	0	0	0
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: <div style="text-align:center; font-size: 2em; font-family: cursive;">  </div>				
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