



HB1404 HD1

Measure Title:	MAKING AN APPROPRIATION TO THE HAWAII COUNTY OFFICE OF THE PROSECUTING ATTORNEY.
Report Title:	County of Hawaii; Appropriation; Prosecuting Attorney (\$)
Description:	Appropriates funds to the county of Hawaii office of the prosecuting attorney for the career criminal prosecution unit and victim witness assistance program. (HB1404 HD1)
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TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF HOUSE BILL 1404, HD1

A BILL FOR AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION TO
THE HAWAII COUNTY OFFICE OF THE
PROSECUTING ATTORNEY

COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY,
INTERGOVERNMENTAL, AND MILITARY AFFAIRS
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COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY AND LABOR
Sen. Mike Gabbard, Chair
Sen. Clarence K. Nishihara, Vice Chair

Monday, March 21, 2016, 8:30 A.M.
State Capitol, Conference Room 016

Honorable Chairs Nishihara and Gabbard, Honorable Vice-Chairs Espero and Nishihara, and Members of the Committee on Public Safety, Intergovernmental, and Military Affairs, and the Committee on Judiciary and Labor, the Office of the Prosecuting Attorney, County of Hawai'i submits the following testimony in support of House Bill No. 1404, HD1, with requested changes.

This measure appropriates funds to the County of Hawai'i Office of the Prosecuting Attorney for the Career Criminal Prosecution Unit (CCP) and Victim Witness Assistance Program (VWAP).

We request the following changes be made to the language of the Bill:

SECTION 1. There is appropriated out of the general revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$195,000.00 or so much thereof as may be necessary ~~for fiscal year 2015-2016 and the same sum or so much thereof as may be necessary~~ for fiscal year 2016-2017 as a grant in aid an appropriation for the ~~county of Hawaii office of the prosecuting attorney~~ Office of the Prosecuting Attorney,

County of Hawai'i career criminal prosecution unit, including the hiring of staff.

The sums appropriated shall be expended by the county of Hawaii for the purposes of this Act.

~~SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$32,000.00 or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2015-2016 and the same sum or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2016-2017 as a grant in aid an appropriation for the county of Hawaii office of the prosecuting attorney Office of the Prosecuting Attorney, County of Hawai'i victim witness assistance program, including the hiring of necessary staff.~~

~~The sums appropriated shall be expended by the county of Hawaii for the purposes of this Act.~~

The CCP program was created because a disproportionate amount of serious crimes are committed against the public by a relatively small of number of multiple and repeat-felony offenders, commonly known as "career criminals." Money spent on this unit is an efficient use of resources, in terms of providing citizens with swift and effective justice, and by reducing heavy caseloads and long court delays.

State law mandates that certain qualifying defendants be prosecuted under the CCP program (HRS Chapter 845). In order to avoid the unfunded mandate prohibition provided by the Hawai'i State Constitution, it was the practice for the State to provide funding for these services.

The Office of the Prosecuting Attorney, County of Hawai'i supports the passage of House Bill No. 1404, HD1, with requested changes, which will provide the funding needed to maximize our service to our community in the field of Career Criminal. Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this matter.

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