



HB210 HD1

Measure Title:	RELATING TO APPROPRIATIONS TO THE DEPARTMENT OF THE PROSECUTING ATTORNEY OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU.
Report Title:	Honolulu Prosecuting Attorney Package; Grants-in-Aid; Appropriation (\$)
Description:	Appropriates funds to the Department of the Prosecuting Attorney of the City and County of Honolulu for the Career Criminal Prosecution Unit and Victim Witness Assistance Program. (HB210 HD1)
Companion:	SB423
Package:	Honolulu Prosecuting Attorney
Current Referral:	PSM/JDL, WAM
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March 21, 2016

RE: H.B. 210, H.D. 1; RELATING TO APPROPRIATIONS TO THE DEPARTMENT OF THE PROSECUTING ATTORNEY OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU.

Chair Nishihara, Chair Keith-Agaran, Vice Chair Espero, Vice-Chair Shimabukuro, members of the Senate Committee on Public Safety, Intergovernmental and Military Affairs, and members of the Senate Committee on Judiciary, the Department of the Prosecuting Attorney of the City and County of Honolulu ("Department") submits the following testimony in strong support of H.B. 210, H.D. 1.

Pursuant to legislation passed in 1979, and codified as sections 845-1, 845-2, and 845-3, Hawai'i Revised Statutes ("HRS"), the Career Criminal Prosecution program was created because a disproportionate amount of serious crimes are committed by a relatively small number of multiple- and repeat-felony offenders, commonly known as "career criminals." In response, the State created the Career Criminal Prosecution program, which it originally funded annually. Money spent on this unit is an efficient use of resources, in terms of providing citizens with swift and effective justice, and reducing heavy caseloads and long court delays. With your support, the Department will have the tools necessary to protect our public from career criminals. The current balance needed to maintain this program at its current level of operation within our Department is \$492,125.

Because the Department was able to obtain additional grant (Victims of Crime Act) funding to support our victim witness assistance program—through Fiscal Year 2016-2017—we ask that

Section 2 of H.B. 210, H.D. 1, be deleted. In addition, please amend Section 1 of this bill to reflect funding for fiscal year 2016-2017 only.

For all of the foregoing reasons, the Department of the Prosecuting Attorney of the City and County of Honolulu strongly supports the passage of H.B. 210, H.D. 1, which will provide the funding needed to provide this important state-mandated service to our community. Also, as the legislative session progresses, we kindly request that our funding in this bill be inserted into the State Budget. Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this matter.

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