

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

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Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: H.C.R. No. 134
H.D. 1

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate
Twenty-Ninth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2017
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Public Safety, Intergovernmental, and Military Affairs, to which was referred H.C.R. No. 134, H.D. 1, entitled:

"HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE JUDICIARY TO CONVENE A TASK FORCE TO EXAMINE AND MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS REGARDING CRIMINAL PRETRIAL PRACTICES AND PROCEDURES TO MAXIMIZE PUBLIC SAFETY, MAXIMIZE COURT APPEARANCES, AND MAXIMIZE PRETRIAL RELEASE OF THE ACCUSED AND PRESUMED INNOCENT,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to request the Judiciary to convene a task force to examine and make recommendations regarding criminal pretrial practices and procedures to maximize public safety, court appearances, and pretrial release.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Public Safety; Judiciary, State of Hawaii; American Civil Liberties Union; Community Alliance on Prisons; Ho'omana Pono, LLC; and one individual.


Your Committee finds that reforming the correctional system to implement effective and efficient pretrial release policies is important for protecting the rights of the public and the accused. Proper pretrial release procedures allow officials to assess



flight and danger risks and provide guidance for the proper supervision for different types or levels of risk. In addition, better pretrial procedures would help the State combat the overcrowding in its correctional facilities.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Public Safety, Intergovernmental, and Military Affairs that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of H.C.R. No. 134, H.D. 1, and recommends its adoption.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Public Safety,
Intergovernmental, and Military
Affairs,



CLARENCE K. NISHIHARA, Chair



