

STAND. COM. REP. NO. **380**

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 16 2017

RE: S.B. No. 491

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

Sir:

Your Committees on Public Safety, Intergovernmental, and Military Affairs and Judiciary and Labor, to which was referred S.B. No. 491 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION TO THE DEPARTMENT OF THE PROSECUTING ATTORNEY OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU,"

beg leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to appropriate funds as a grant-in-aid to the Department of the Prosecuting Attorney of the City and County of Honolulu for the Career Criminal Prosecution Unit.

Your Committees received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of the Attorney General; Office of the Prosecuting Attorney, Hawai'i County; Department of the Prosecuting Attorney of the City and County of Honolulu; Department of the Prosecuting Attorney, Maui County; Office of the Prosecuting Attorney, Kaua'i County; and one individual. Your Committees received testimony in opposition to this measure from Ho'omana Pono, LLC, and one individual.

Your Committees find that supporting a strong and effective prosecutor's office is vital to protecting the health, safety, and welfare of the public. It has long been a recognized problem that a relatively small number of repeat criminals, or "career criminals", commit a disproportionate number of the serious crimes against the public. For that reason, the Legislature created the career criminal prosecution program in 1979. This program has

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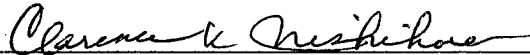
been effective in assisting prosecutors' offices in delivering swift and effective justice. Accordingly, it is important to continue to provide funding to the Department of the Prosecuting Attorney of the City and County of Honolulu for its Career Criminal Prosecution Unit so that the office may continue to protect the public from these dangerous career criminals.

As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committees on Public Safety, Intergovernmental, and Military Affairs and Judiciary and Labor that are attached to this report, your Committees are in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 491 and recommend that it pass Second Reading and be referred to your Committee on Ways and Means.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committees on Public Safety,
Intergovernmental, and Military
Affairs and Judiciary and
Labor,



GILBERT S.C. KEITH-AGARAN, Chair



CLARENCE K. NISHIHARA, Chair



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Bill / Resolution No.:* SB 491	Committee Referral: PSM/JDL, WAM	Date: 2/14/17		
<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
KEITH-AGARAN, Gilbert S.C. (C)	✓			
RHOADS, Karl (VC)	✓			
GABBARD, Mike				✓
KIM, Donna Mercado				✓
THIELEN, Laura H.	✓			
TOTAL	3	0	0	2
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: <div style="text-align:center; font-family: cursive; font-size: 1.2em;">Karl Rhoads</div>				
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*Only one measure per Record of Votes