

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: H.B. No. 1770  
H.D. 1  
S.D. 1

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi  
President of the Senate  
Twenty-Ninth State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2018  
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Judiciary, to which was referred H.B. No. 1770, H.D. 1, entitled:

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

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to appropriate monies to the Department of the Prosecuting Attorney of the City and County of Honolulu for the career criminal prosecution unit.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of the Attorney General, Department of the Prosecuting Attorney of the City and County of Honolulu, Department of Prosecuting Attorney for the County of Maui, Office of the Prosecuting Attorney of the County of Hawai'i, Oahu County Committee on Legislative Priorities of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i.

Your Committee finds that the Legislature established the career criminal prosecution program because it found that a substantial and disproportionate amount of serious crime is committed by a relatively small number of multiple and repeat felony offenders, commonly known as career criminals. By their nature, career criminal cases are often labor intensive and



require experienced and well-trained deputy prosecutors to be successfully prosecuted. This measure will provide funding to the career criminal prosecution unit to allow it to continue operating at its current capacity and caseload. Your Committee notes that the original amount requested for this measure was \$493,818.

Your Committee has amended this measure by inserting an effective date of July 1, 2035, to encourage further discussion.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Judiciary that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1770, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1770, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Ways and Means.

Respectfully submitted on  
behalf of the members of the  
Committee on Judiciary,



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BRIAN T. TANIGUCHI, Chair



