

Honolulu, Hawaii
February 14, 2018

RE: H.B. No. 1771
H.D. 1

Honorable Scott K. Saiki
Speaker, House of Representatives
Twenty-Ninth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2018
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Judiciary, to which was referred H.B. No. 1771 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO MATERIAL WITNESS ORDERS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to increase the ability of securing material witnesses in pending criminal actions by allowing the circuit and family courts to issue material witness orders in cases filed through felony complaint, indictment, or information.

The County of Maui Department of the Prosecuting Attorney, County of Kauai Office of the Prosecuting Attorney, City and County of Honolulu Department of the Prosecuting Attorney, and one concerned individual supported this measure.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing its effective date to July 1, 2050, to encourage further discussion; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for clarity, consistency, and style.



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. 1771, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1771, H.D. 1, and be placed on the calendar for Third Reading.

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



SCOTT Y. NISHIMOTO, Chair



