

Honolulu, Hawaii
February 16, 2018

RE: H.B. No. 1994
H.D. 2

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. 1994, H.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO LAW ENFORCEMENT,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to prohibit state and county law enforcement agencies from complying with federal immigration detainers or honoring requests from federal immigration and customs agencies for non-public information about individuals unless specifically required to do so by a warrant signed by a judge or provisions of federal, state, or local law.

The Hawai'i Civil Rights Commission, American Association of University Women-Hawaii, IMUAlliance, Filipina Advocacy Network, Hawai'i Friends of Civil Rights, Planned Parenthood Votes Northwest and Hawaii, Oahu County Committee on Legislative Priorities of the Democratic Party of Hawaii, Hawai'i State Democratic Women's Caucus, Hawaii Women's Coalition, Filipino American Citizens League, Nursing Advocates and Mentors, Inc., and numerous individuals testified in support of this measure. The County of Maui Department of the Prosecuting Attorney and a few individuals testified in opposition. The Department of the Attorney General, American Civil Liberties Union of Hawai'i, and Hawaii J-20+ provided comments.




Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Specifying that no state or county agency shall use any public resource to enforce or assist in the enforcement of any federal program that requires registration of individuals on the basis of citizenship or immigration status; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of 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. 1994, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it be referred to your Committee on Finance in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1994, H.D. 2.

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



SCOTT I. NISHIMOTO, Chair



