Honolulu, Hawaii

February 16 , 2018

RE: H.B. No. 2203 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. 2203, 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 consolidate the law enforcement functions of the State within the Department of the Attorney General.

More specifically, the measure reorganizes state law enforcement functions by:

- (1) Establishing an enforcement division within the Department of the Attorney General; and
- (2) Transferring to the enforcement division, the state law enforcement officers and activities of the:
 - (A) Department of Land and Natural Resources Division of Conservation and Resources Enforcement;
 - (B) Department of Public Safety, including its Narcotics Enforcement Division; and
 - (C) Department of Transportation Harbors Division.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Hawaii Government Employees Association and two concerned individuals.

Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from the Department of the Attorney General, the Department of Land and Natural Resources, the Department of Public Safety, the Department of Transportation, The Nature Conservancy, and the Young Progressives Demanding Action--Hawaii.

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. 2203, H.D. 1, and recommends that it be referred to your Committee on Finance.

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

SCOTT Y. NISHIMOTO, Chair

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Record of Votes of the Committee on Judiciary

Bill/Resolution No.:				Date:		
HB 2203 no1	LAB, JUD, FIN			02/13/2018		
☐ The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.						
The recommendation is to: Pass, unamended (as is) Pass, with amendments (HD) Hold						
Pass short form bill with HD to recommit for future public hearing (recommit)						
JUD Members		Ayes	Ayes (WR)		Nays	Excused
1. NISHIMOTO, Scott Y. (C)						
2. SAN BUENAVENTURA, Joy A. (VC)						
3. BROWER, Tom						
4. LEE, Chris						
5. MORIKAWA, Dee						
6. TAKAYAMA, Gregg						
7. McDERMOTT, Bob						
8. THIELEN, Cynthia						
TOTAL (8)		7				
The recommendation is: Adopted D Not Adopted						
If joint referral, did not support recommendation.						
Vice Chair's or designee's signature:						
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