

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



