

Honolulu, Hawaii

March 2, 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 Finance, 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.

Specifically, this 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 activities of the:
 - (A) Department of Land and Natural Resources Division of Conservation and Resources Enforcement;
 - (B) Department of Public Safety state law enforcement officers, including the narcotics enforcement investigators with the Narcotics Enforcement Division; and




(C) Department of Transportation Harbors Division.

The Hawaii Government Employees Association, AFSCME Local 152, AFL-CIO and a concerned individual supported this measure. The Department of Public Safety, Department of the Attorney General, Department of Land and Natural Resources, Department of Transportation, The Nature Conservancy of Hawai'i, Ho'opae Pono Peace Project, and several concerned individuals opposed this measure.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance 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 pass Third Reading.

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



SYLVIA LUKE, Chair



