

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 28 , 2018

RE: H.C.R. No. 107
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.C.R. No. 107 entitled:

"HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE JUDICIARY TO CONVENE A WORKING GROUP TO DEVELOP AND IMPLEMENT PROTOCOLS FOR HANDLING CRIMINAL CASES INVOLVING VULNERABLE VICTIMS AND WITNESSES,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to request prosecutors from the various counties and the Attorney General to report to the legislature as to their victim protocols.

For the purposes of a public hearing on this bill, your Committee circulated HCR107, H.D. 1 PROPOSED (Proposed Draft), and notified the public that it would be accepting testimony on the Proposed Draft.

The Ho'omanapono Political Action Committee, the Oahu County Committee on Legislative Priorities of the Democratic Party of Hawaii, and one individual testified in support of the measure. The Maui Department of the Prosecuting Attorney testified in opposition of the measure. The State of Hawaii Judiciary offered comments.



Your committee further amended the Proposed Draft in page 1, lines 24-25 by replacing the words "is one of the most cited reasons for delays that have led..." with "can lead:

"WHEREAS, congestion in the State's courts can lead [~~is one of the most cited reasons for delays that have led~~] to the setting of trial dates that are further into the future..."

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Judiciary that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of H.C.R. No. 107, as amended herein, and recommends that it be referred to your Committee on Finance in the form attached hereto as H.C.R. No. 107, H.D. 1.

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


SCOTT Y. NISHIMOTO, Chair



