

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: S.B. No. 797

S.D. 1

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi  
President of the Senate  
Twenty-Ninth State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2017  
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Judiciary and Labor, to which was referred  
S.B. No. 797 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO OFFENSES AGAINST PROPERTY  
RIGHTS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to establish the  
offense of criminal property damage to a public restroom as a  
misdemeanor.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure  
from the Department of Land and Natural Resources and one  
individual.

Your Committee finds that vandalism to restroom facilities in  
public parks is occurring more frequently. There have been  
numerous incidents of vandalism to these public restrooms, which  
result in a financial cost to repair or replace these restroom  
facilities and prevent the public from using and enjoying the  
parks. This measure helps to deter incidents of vandalism by  
establishing a separate criminal offense for damaging a public  
restroom located at a public park or recreational ground.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Deleting language that refers to setting fire to a trash  
receptacle from the offense of criminal property damage  
to a public restroom; and



- (2) Inserting an effective date of January 7, 2059, to encourage further discussion.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Judiciary and Labor that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 797, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 797, S.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Ways and Means.

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

  
GILBERT S.C. KEITH-AGARAN Chair



