

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 954

Honolulu, Hawaii  
FEB 28 , 2019

RE: H.B. No. 159  
H.D. 1

Honorable Scott K. Saiki  
Speaker, House of Representatives  
Thirtieth State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2019  
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Judiciary, to which was referred H.B. No. 159 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO CRIME,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to deter property owners from allowing illegal activities on their properties by increasing the criminal penalties for persons who knowingly:

- (1) Keep or maintain any structure or place for the purpose of using, keeping, or selling controlled substances in violation of controlled substance laws; or
- (2) Profit from, advance, or participate in gambling.

The Honolulu Police Department and an individual testified in support of this measure. An individual testified in opposition.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing its effective date to January 28, 2019; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for clarity, consistency, and style.



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. 159, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 159, H.D. 1, and be placed on the calendar for Third Reading.

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



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CHRIS LEE, Chair



