

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

896

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 28 , 2019

RE: H.B. No. 218
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. 218, H.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO MINORS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to provide a circuit court, when sentencing a minor for a criminal offense, the discretion to:

- (1) Impose a sentence that includes a period of incarceration that is as much as 50 percent shorter than any mandatory minimum sentence; and
- (2) Decline to impose a mandatory enhanced sentence when imposing a sentence that includes a period of incarceration of five years or more.

The Office of the Public Defender, Community Alliance on Prisons, Hawaii Youth Services Network, and Human Rights for Kids testified in support of this measure. The Honolulu Police Department testified in opposition to this measure.

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. 218, H.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

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



CHRIS LEE, Chair



