

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 07 , 2020

RE: H.B. No. 2068
H.D. 1

Honorable Scott K. Saiki
Speaker, House of Representatives
Thirtieth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2020
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Health, to which was referred H.B. No. 2068
entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE ADMINISTRATION OF
JUSTICE,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to limit to one hundred eighty
days:

- (1) The period of conditional release granted to defendants
charged with class C felonies that do not involve
violence or attempted violence; and
- (2) The period of commitment to the Department of Health of
defendants charged with class C felonies that do not
involve violence or attempted violence.

Your Committee received comments on this measure from the
Department of Health and Hawaii Disability Rights
Center.

Your Committee finds that the State's finite resources should
be prioritized to provide the utmost care and supervision for
defendants who have a propensity for violent behavior due to
mental illness, rather than keeping non-violent defendants



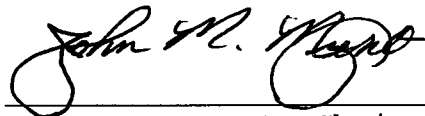
committed longer than necessary. Your Committee believes that this measure will concentrate the State's limited resources to helping persons that are in dire need of intervention.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing the effective date to July 1, 2050, to encourage further discussion; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Health that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2068, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2068, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Judiciary.

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



JOHN M. MIZUNO, Chair



