

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

2089

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: S.B. No. 2088
S.D. 1

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate
Thirty-First State Legislature
Regular Session of 2022
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Judiciary, to which was referred S.B. No. 2088 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR THE CAREER CRIMINAL PROSECUTION UNIT,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to appropriate funds to the Department of the Prosecuting Attorney of the City and County of Honolulu as a grant-in-aid for the Career Criminal Prosecution Unit.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of the Prosecuting Attorney of the City and county of Honolulu. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Budget and Finance.

Your Committee finds that a disproportionate amount of serious crimes are committed by a relatively small number of multiple and repeat felony offenders, commonly known as "career criminals". To address this ongoing problem, the State created the Career Criminal Prosecution Unit, which it originally funded annually. However, the Department of the Prosecuting Attorney of the City and County of Honolulu's Career Criminal Prosecution Unit was periodically scaled back when there was insufficient funding to maintain full staffing. Your Committee believes that money spent on the Career Criminal Prosecution Unit is an efficient use



of resources, as it provides citizens with swift and effective justice, reducing heavy caseloads and long court delays. This measure will assist the Department of the Prosecuting Attorney of the City and County of Honolulu in protecting the public from career criminals by appropriating funds for the Career Criminal Prosecution Unit.

Your Committee has amended this measure by inserting an appropriation amount of \$653,360.

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 S.B. No. 2088, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2088, 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,



KARL RHOADS, Chair



The Senate
 Thirty-First Legislature
 State of Hawai'i

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The Committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure.
 If so, then the previous decision was to: _____

The Recommendation is:

<input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311	<input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310	<input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313
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Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
RHOADS, Karl (C)	✓			
KEOHOKALOLE, Jarrett (VC)	✓			
ACASIO, Laura	✓			
GABBARD, Mike	✓			
KIM, Donna Mercado	✓			
LEE, Chris	✓			
FEVELLA, Kurt	✓			
TOTAL	7	-	-	-

Recommendation: Adopted Not Adopted

Chair's or Designee's Signature: *Karl Rhoads*

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