Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: H.B. No. 586

> H.D. 2 S.D. 1

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi President of the Senate Thirty-Second State Legislature Regular Session of 2023 State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Judiciary, to which was referred H.B. No. 586, H.D. 2, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE JUDICIARY,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to:

- (1) Require the Judiciary to develop, implement, and administer an automated court appearance reminder system that generates text message and electronic mail notifications for upcoming court appearances in certain types of cases; and
- (2) Appropriate funds.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Office of the Public Defender, Opportunity Youth Action Hawai'i, and four individuals. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from one individual. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Judiciary.

Your Committee finds that cases become backlogged when the parties to a court proceeding fail to appear and cause the proceeding to be delayed. However, if a court issues a text message reminder or other type of reminder regarding the future

court appearance, cases are more likely to proceed as scheduled. This measure will require the Judiciary to implement an automated court appearance reminder system, which will encourage people who have a scheduled court appearance to voluntarily comply, reduce rates of "failure to appear", and thus help to maximize the efficiency of the Judiciary's operations.

Your Committee has amended this measure by deleting language that would have allowed the Judiciary to contract the administration of the automated court appearance reminder system to a third party.

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. 586, H.D. 2, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 586, H.D. 2, 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-Second Legislature State of Hawai'i

Record of Votes Committee on Judiciary JDC

Bill / Resolution No.:* HB 586 HD2		Committee Referral: Date: 3/17/23			
The Committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure. If so, then the previous decision was to:					
The Recommendation is: Pass, unamended Pass, with amendments Hold Recommit 2312 2311 2310 2313					
2312 Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	2313 Excused	
RHOADS, Karl (C)		V			
GABBARD, Mike (VC)					
ELEFANTE, Brandon J.C.		•			
SAN BUENAVENTURA, Jo	V				
AWA, Brenton				V	
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Recommendation: Adopted Not Adopted					
Chair's for Designee's Signature:					
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