

Honolulu, Hawaii

APR 19 , 2024

RE: S.C.R. No. 213
S.D. 1

Honorable Scott K. Saiki
Speaker, House of Representatives
Thirty-Second State Legislature
Regular Session of 2024
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs, to which was referred S.C.R. No. 213, S.D. 1, entitled:

"SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE OFFICE OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE DIRECTOR OF THE COURTS TO COLLECT, COMPILE, AND SHARE DATA ON THE ASSESSMENT OF FEES, COURT COSTS, FINES, AND RESTITUTION IN CASES AGAINST MINORS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to request the Office of the Administrative Director of the Courts to collect, compile, and share data on the assessment of fees, court costs, fines, and restitution in cases against minors.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Office of the Public Defender; ACLU Hawai'i; Policy Advocacy Clinic at Berkeley Law; Hawai'i Friends of Restorative Justice; Opportunity Youth Action Hawai'i; and Hawaii Health & Harm Reduction Center. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Judiciary.

Your Committee finds that the imposition of fees, fines, and costs on young people and their families can have wide-ranging consequences, none of which serves the purposes of rehabilitating, deterring, or punishing delinquent youth. Your Committee further finds that these monetary assessments have a disproportionate



impact on families of color and can even lead to recidivism and escalating crime. The information provided pursuant to this measure will assist the Legislature as it examines the practice of imposing monetary assessments on Hawaii's youth and families.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of S.C.R. No. 213, S.D. 1, and recommends its adoption.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Judiciary &
Hawaiian Affairs,



DAVID A. TARNAS, Chair



