## STAND. COM. REP. NO.

894

Honolulu, Hawaii

## MAR 0 3 2017

RE: S.B. No. 1298 S.D. 1

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi President of the Senate Twenty-Ninth State Legislature Regular Session of 2017 State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Judiciary and Labor, to which was referred S.B. No. 1298 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO RESIDENCE REQUIREMENTS FOR APPOINTED OFFICERS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to make available the opportunity to waive the one-year residency requirement for appointment to a county chief of police position.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Honolulu Police Commission. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from the State of Hawaii Organization of Police Officers and three individuals.

Your Committee finds that employing highly qualified law enforcement officers is essential for the health, safety, and welfare of the public. The need for highly-qualified individuals is especially important in law enforcement leadership positions. Given the difficulties in recruiting and retaining the best and most highly-qualified individuals for law enforcement leadership positions, it is important to remove barriers that further reduce the available pool of hirable individuals. Accordingly, this measure provides an exemption from the one-year state residency requirement for individuals appointed as the head of a county police department.



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Your Committee has amended this measure by inserting an effective date of January 7, 2059, to encourage further discussion.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Judiciary and Labor that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 1298, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 1298, S.D. 1.

> Respectfully submitted on behalf of the members of the Committee on Judiciary and Labor,

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## Record of Votes Committee on Judiciary and Labor JDL

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The Committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure.					
The Recommendation is:					
Pass, unamended X Pass, with amendments Hold Recommit 2312 2311 2310 2313					
Members		Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
KEITH-AGARAN, Gilbert S.C. (C)					
RHOADS, Karl (VC)					1
GABBARD, Mike				/	
KIM, Donna Mercado		/			
THIELEN, Laura H.					
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