STAND. COM. REP. NO. 742

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 0 3 2017

RE: S.B. No. 491 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 Ways and Means, to which was referred S.B. No. 491 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION TO THE DEPARTMENT OF THE PROSECUTING ATTORNEY OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU,"

begs leave to report as follows:

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

Your Committee received written comments in support of this measure from the Department of the Attorney General, Office of the Prosecuting Attorney of the County of Hawaii, and the Department of the Prosecuting Attorney of the City and County of Honolulu.

Your Committee finds that supporting a strong and effective prosecutor's office is vital to protecting the health, safety, and welfare of the public. In 1979, the Legislature created the Career Criminal Prosecution Program to address the problem of "career criminals" who are responsible for a disproportionate number of the serious crimes committed against the public. This program has been effective in assisting county prosecutors' offices in delivering swift and effective justice.

Your Committee notes that the Department of the Prosecuting Attorney of the City and County of Honolulu has stated that the current balance necessary to maintain the program at its current level of operation within the department is \$492,125.

Your Committee has amended this measure by changing the effective date to July 1, 2050, to facilitate further discussion on the measure.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Ways and Means that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 491, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 491, S.D. 1.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the members of the Committee on Ways and Means,

JILL N. TOKUDA, Chair

The Senate Twenty-Ninth Legislature State of Hawaiʻi

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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:					
Pass, unamended Pass, with amendments Hold Recommit 2312 2311 2310 2313					
Members		Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
TOKUDA, Jill N. (C)					
DELA CRUZ, Donovan M. (VC)				***	
ENGLISH, J. Kalani					V
GALUTERIA, Brickwood			:		
HARIMOTO, Breene		/			
INOUYE, Lorraine R.					
KAHELE, Kaiali'i					
RIVIERE, Gil		V			
SHIMABUKURO, Maile S.L.					
TANIGUCHI, Brian T.		V			
WAKAI, Glenn		V			ļ
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