

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

1684

Honolulu, Hawaii

April 6, 2017

RE: S.B. No. 718
S.D. 1
H.D. 1

Honorable Joseph M. Souki
Speaker, House of Representatives
Twenty-Ninth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2017
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Finance, to which was referred S.B. No. 718, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE COMMUNITY COURT OUTREACH PROJECT,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to address the many nonviolent offenses that overburden the criminal justice system by establishing and funding the operations of the Community Court Outreach Project to help nonviolent, nonfelony offenders who face problems such as drug abuse and mental health challenges to obtain basic services and necessities, like food and shelter.

The Governor's Coordinator on Homelessness, Office of the Public Defender, Department of the Prosecuting Attorney of the City and County of Honolulu, Hawaii Substance Abuse Coalition, The Drug Policy Forum of Hawaii, Community Health Outreach Work Project, PHOCUSED, and two concerned individuals supported this measure. The Judiciary, Department of Public Safety, Community Alliance on Prisons, and a concerned individual submitted comments.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your

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Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 718, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Finance,



SYLVIA LUKE, Chair



