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RE: H.B. No. 2181
H.D. 1

Honorable Nadine K. Nakamura
Speaker, House of Representatives
Thirty-Third State Legislature
Regular Session of 2026
State of Hawaii

Madame:

Your Committee on Finance, to which was referred H.B. No. 2181, H.D. 1, entitled:

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

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to:

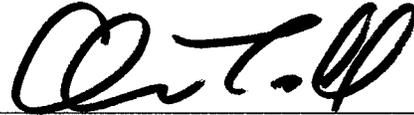
- (1) Require and appropriate funds for the Judiciary to develop, implement, and administer a voluntary automated court appearance reminder system that generates text message or electronic mail notifications for upcoming court appearances in certain types of cases; and
- (2) Require persons making an arrest or issuing a citation to obtain, to the extent practicable, the offender's mobile telephone number and electronic mail address.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation; Opportunity for Youth Action Hawai'i hui; R Street Institute; Community Alliance on Prisons; ideas42; and six individuals. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Judiciary and Pew Charitable Trusts.



As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2181, H.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

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



CHRIS TODD, Chair



