

Honorable Scott K. Saiki
Speaker, House of Representatives
Thirtieth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2019
State of Hawaii
Sir:

Your Committee on Judiciary, to which was referred H.B. No. 217 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO CHILDREN,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to require that when an officer has custody of a child under the age of 16 for an alleged violation of law, the child shall consult with legal counsel before the child waives any constitutional rights and before any custodial interrogation.

The Office of the Public Defender, Community Alliance on Prisons, and Oahu County Committee on Legislative Priorities and LGBT Caucus of the Democratic Party of Hawaii testified in support of this measure.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing its effective date to January 28, 2081; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Judiciary that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 217, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 217, H.D. 1, and be placed on the calendar for Third Reading.

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

CHRIS LEE, Chair