

Honorable Scott K. Saiki
Speaker, House of Representatives
Thirty-First State Legislature
Regular Session of 2021
State of Hawaii
Sir:

Your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce, to which was referred S.B. No. 1286, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, entitled:
"A BILL FOR AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION TO THE OFFICE OF THE PROSECUTING ATTORNEY FOR
HAWAII COUNTY,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to appropriate funds as a grant to the Office of the Prosecuting Attorney for Hawaii County for the Career Criminal Prosecution Unit.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Hawaii Police Department, Office of the Prosecuting Attorney of the County of Kauai, Office of the Mayor of the County of Hawaii, Office of the Prosecuting Attorney of the County of Hawaii, Department of the Prosecuting Attorney of the City and County of Honolulu, and two individuals.

Your Committee finds that crime has become one of the most prevalent challenges facing the County of Hawaii. Furthermore, a disproportionate amount of serious crimes in the County of Hawaii are committed against the public by a relatively small number of multiple- and repeat-felony offenders, commonly known as "career criminals". Your Committee also finds that under the Career Criminal Prosecution Program, whose purpose is the investigation and prosecution of persons identified as habitual or career criminals, funds are awarded to counties in which career criminal prosecution units are established. This measure appropriates funds as a grant for the County of Hawaii's Career Criminal Prosecution Unit to help support the prosecution of career criminals.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 1286, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, and recommends that it be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the members of the Committee on
Consumer Protection & Commerce,

AARON LING JOHANSON, Chair