



The Judiciary, State of Hawai'i

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Concurrent Resolution No. and Title: Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 163, Proposed S.D. 1, Requesting the Judiciary, in Cooperation with the Police Department of Each County and Prosecutor of Each County, to Annually Compile and Report on Statistics Regarding Arrests, Charges, and Convictions or Other Dispositions Based on the Offense of Abuse of a Family or Household Member.

Judiciary's Position:

The Judiciary takes no position on Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 163, Proposed S.D.1 but offers the following comments regarding the requirement that the Judiciary, in cooperation with the police department of each county and prosecutor of each county, annually compile and report on statistics regarding arrests, charges, and convictions or other dispositions made based on Section 709-906, Hawaii Revised Statutes.

Significant portions of the requested data are within the custody of the police departments and/or offices of the prosecuting attorneys, and accordingly the cooperation of those agencies will be required to collect and report on the data. The Judiciary is willing to work with the police departments and the prosecutors to establish the necessary data collection and data reporting protocols that will be required for the successful implementation of this legislative proposal. Given the complexity of that task, the Judiciary requests that the date of the first report to the Legislature be changed to 2019 to allow sufficient time for collaboration, planning, and



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development of common protocols and procedures to assist in the collection of the statistics mandated by this resolution.

The Judiciary further notes that the requirement that it make recommendations to the Legislature, including proposed legislation, be clarified to specify that the recommendations concern the data collection and reporting process.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony on this measure.