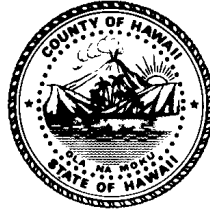


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Representative Chris Lee, Chair  
Representative Joy A. San Buenaventura, Vice Chair  
Committee on Judiciary

Dear Chair Lee, Vice Chair San Buenaventura, and Committee Members:

**RE: SB 2619, SD1 Making an Appropriation to the Office of the Prosecuting Attorney for Hawai'i County**

The Hawai'i County Career Criminal prosecution unit has a track record of success, and for years has been a valued part of our law enforcement effort. It was previously funded by the State, and we depend on your financial support for this State-mandated program.

SB 2179, SD1 makes a similar request for City and County. I see that as an indication that the value of a Career Criminal unit is recognized statewide.

I urge that such units be adequately funded, both through SB 2619, SD1 before you today, and in your State budget proposal when that is made. Whether called a grant-in-aid, a subsidy, or something else, the money will be wisely spent.

Respectfully Submitted,

  
Harry Kim  
MAYOR