



*The Judiciary, State of Hawai‘i*

**Testimony to the House Committee on Human Services**

Representative Dee Morikawa, Chair  
Representative Bertrand Kobayashi, Vice Chair

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State Capitol, Conference Room 329

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**Bill No. and Title:** House Bill No. 1832, Relating to Juvenile Justice Information

**Purpose:** Allows the dissemination of confidential juvenile justice information to law enforcement agencies for the administration of law enforcement and law enforcement agency employment.

**Judiciary's Position:**

The Judiciary respectfully submits this testimony in opposition to House Bill No. 1832 for the following reasons.

The sharing of information regarding juvenile offenders has been coordinated through the Hawaii’s Juvenile Justice Information System (JJIS), which is part of the Department of the Attorney General, State of Hawai‘i. JJIS in turn is under the active guidance of the Juvenile Justice Information Committee (JJIC), listed on page 3.

The JJIS is a statewide information system that combines juvenile offender information from the police, prosecutors, Family Court, and the Hawai‘i Youth Correctional Facility for use by the participating agencies. The JJIS is also the repository for statewide information on runaway and missing children.



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The changes proposed by this bill were not submitted to the JJIC for consideration in terms of the current processes and procedures developed by the JJIC in implementing the existing applicable laws. The changes are also contrary to the original intent of the statute. The Judiciary would respectfully request that the JJIC be given the opportunity to evaluate the statutory changes proposed by this bill.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this bill.



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