

Honolulu, Hawaii

March 24, 2006

RE: S.B. No. 2323
S.D. 2
H.D. 1

Honorable Calvin K.Y. Say
Speaker, House of Representatives
Twenty-Third State Legislature
Regular Session of 2006
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Judiciary, to which was referred S.B. No. 2323, S.D. 2, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO FEDERAL REVENUE MAXIMIZATION
IN THE JUDICIARY,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this bill is to ensure that the baseline upon which a future block grant would be based accurately reflects the amount for which the State is entitled to be reimbursed by requiring the Judiciary to establish and implement, in collaboration with the Department of Human Services (DHS), a Federal Revenue Maximization Program (Maximization Program) for all services that may be eligible for federal financial participation to establish a maximum baseline before the Title IV-E program is converted to a block grant by the federal government.

DHS and a concerned individual supported this bill. The Judiciary opposed this measure.

Your Committee has amended this bill by:

- (1) Authorizing, rather than mandating, the Judiciary to implement a Maximization Program to meet its fullest potential for enhanced services to the public that are currently hampered by limited state funding; and



- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive changes 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 S.B. No. 2323, S.D. 2, as amended herein, and recommends that it be referred to the Committee on Finance in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2323, S.D. 2, H.D. 1.

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



SYLVIA LUKE, Chair



