

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 24 2006

RE: H.B. No. 2500
H.D. 2
S.D. 1

Honorable Robert Bunda
President of the Senate
Twenty-Third State Legislature
Regular Session of 2006
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Judiciary and Hawaiian Affairs, to which
was referred H.B. No. 2500, H.D. 2, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE JUDICIARY,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to provide supplemental
appropriations for the expenses of the Judiciary.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure
from the Judiciary. The Hawaii State Bar Association Family Law
Section, the Honolulu Family Court Professionals, the Domestic
Violence Clearinghouse and Legal Hotline, and four individuals
submitted testimony of conditional support for this measure.

Your Committee finds that the Judiciary is a separate and
independent branch of government that should be afforded latitude
in making decisions that affect its administration of the courts.

Your Committee further finds that there are some concerns
regarding the Kapolei Judicial Complex project. Members of the
Hawaii State Bar Association and members of the public have
expressed concern about the Judiciary's decision to move a
substantial portion of the family law services to Kapolei. The
Chair is not inclined to require that a proportionate amount of
family law services remain in the Honolulu area; however, the
Chair requests the Committee on Ways and Means to consider
inserting a proviso to address these concerns.



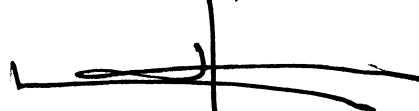
Your Committee has amended this measure to:

- (1) Change the appropriation for the probation modification project from \$639,224 to \$1,239,000;
- (2) Appropriate \$1,013,609 to the Domestic Violence Clearinghouse and Legal Hotline;
- (3) Reinsert the CIP appropriation of \$48,000,000 for the Kapolei Judicial Complex; and
- (4) Change the effective date from July 1, 2020, to July 1, 2006.

Your Committee would also recommend that the Judiciary's budget worksheets convert the \$249,475 appropriation to Na Loio Immigrant Legal Service from a purchase of service to a grant-in-aid.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Judiciary and Hawaiian Affairs that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2500, H.D. 2, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2500, H.D. 2, S.D. 1, and be referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Judiciary and
Hawaiian Affairs,



COLLEEN HANABUSA, Chair



