

Honolulu, Hawaii

Feb 14, 2008

RE: H.B. No. 2693

Honorable Calvin K.Y. Say
Speaker, House of Representatives
Twenty-Fourth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2008
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Judiciary, to which was referred H.B. No. 2693 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE JUDICIAL SELECTION COMMISSION,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this bill is to satisfy the requirements of the Hawaii Constitution by making a separate appropriation to the Judicial Selection Commission (Commission) to meet its staff and operating expenses. This bill also requires the Department of Accounting and General Services to provide various financial services to the Commission, including issuing warrants and making payments, which are consistent with the Commission's independent fiscal status.

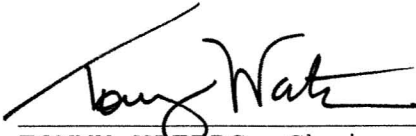
The Judiciary and the Commission testified in support of this bill.

Article VI, Section 4 of the Hawaii Constitution provides that the "legislature shall provide for the staff and operating expenses of the judicial selection commission in a separate budget." The current practice of inserting the Commission's appropriation in the Judiciary's budget does not satisfy the requirement of a separate budget.



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 H.B. No. 2693 and recommends that it pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Finance.

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



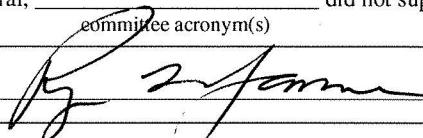
TOMMY WATERS, Chair



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Record of Votes of the Committee on Judiciary

Bill/Resolution No.: HB 2693	Committee Referral: JUD, FIN	Date: 2/8/08		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.				
The recommendation is to: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended (as is) <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments (HD) <input type="checkbox"/> Hold <input type="checkbox"/> Pass short form bill with HD to recommit for future public hearing (recommit)				
JUD Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. WATERS, Tommy (C)	✓			
2. OSHIRO, Blake K. (VC)				✓
3. EVANS, Cindy	✓			
4. GREEN, Josh, M.D.	✓			
5. ITO, Ken	✓			
6. LUKE, Sylvia	✓			
7. McKELVEY, Angus L.K.				✓
8. MORITA, Hermina M.				✓
9. SONSON, Alex M.	✓			
10. SOUKI, Joseph M.	✓			
11. TSUJI, Clift	✓			
12. YAMANE, Ryan I.	✓			
13. YAMASHITA, Kyle T.	✓			
14. MARUMOTO, Barbara C.	✓			
15. PINE, Kymberly Marcos	✓			
16. THIELEN, Cynthia	✓			
TOTAL (16)	13			3
The recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted If joint referral, _____ did not support recommendation. <small>committee acronym(s)</small>				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature: _____ 				
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