

Honolulu, Hawaii

Feb 13, 2008

RE: H.B. No. 3369
H.D. 1

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. 3369 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR LEGAL SERVICES,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this bill is to provide much-needed legal services for low-income individuals by appropriating funds for the Legal Aid Society of Hawaii, Na Loio, and Volunteer Legal Services of Hawaii.

Hawaii Disability Rights Center, Hawaii Justice Foundation, Hawaii Womenwork!, Legal Aid Society of Hawaii, Na Loio, Volunteer Legal Services Hawaii, Mediation Center of the Pacific, League of Women Voters of Hawaii, and Native Hawaiian Legal Corporation supported this bill.

Your Committee has amended this measure by making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for style, clarity, and consistency.

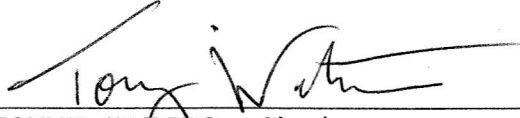
Your Committee finds that the legal service organizations specified in this measure all provide necessary and worthwhile services for Hawaii's residents in need. Your Committee also notes that the appropriations made in this measure are made through the Department of Accounting and General Services. Your Committee is concerned that such appropriations may be more appropriately channeled through the budget for the Judiciary, and



encourages the organizations involved and the Judiciary to continue their discussions in that respect.

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. 3369, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 3369, H.D. 1, and be referred to the Committee on Finance.

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



TOMMY WATERS, Chair



