

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 3115

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 20 2008

RE: H.B. No. 2700  
H.D. 1  
S.D. 1

Honorable Colleen Hanabusa  
President of the Senate  
Twenty-Fourth State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2008  
State of Hawaii

Madam:

Your Committee on Judiciary and Labor, to which was referred  
H.B. No. 2700, H.D. 1, entitled:

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

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to make an appropriation for  
the Judiciary Supplemental Budget Appropriations Act of 2008.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure  
from the Judiciary, Domestic Violence Action Center, Legal Aid  
Society of Hawai'i, Na Loio, Volunteer Legal Services Hawai'i, and  
one individual.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

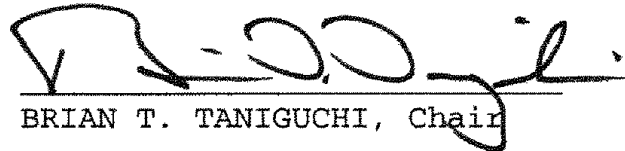
- (1) Restoring most of the positions as originally requested  
in H.B. No. 2700 that were filled or for which selection  
is in the process;
- (2) Restoring the funds that were originally contained in  
H.B. No. 2700 that were reduced by the four per cent  
discretionary cut taken in the House Draft 1;
- (3) Restoring the budget of the Judicial Selection  
Commission;



- (4) Restoring most of the capital improvement project requests; with the only remaining reduction being in the lump sum funding request so that the same amount will be appropriated for the 2008-2009 fiscal year as the current fiscal year;
- (5) Adding appropriations for guardians ad litem to provide legal services for indigents: Legal Aid Society - \$800,000; Na Loio - \$600,000; and Volunteer Legal Services - \$400,000; and
- (6) Deleting section 3 of House Draft 1 of this measure;

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Judiciary and Labor that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2700, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2700, H.D. 1, 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  
Labor,

  
BRIAN T. TANIGUCHI, Chair



