

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

425

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 15 2007

RE: S.B. No. 948

S.D. 1

Honorable Colleen Hanabusa  
President of the Senate  
Twenty-Fourth State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2007  
State of Hawaii

Madam:

Your Committee on Judiciary and Labor, to which was referred  
S.B. No. 948 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO THE HAWAII  
CONSTITUTION TO REDUCE THE NUMBER OF NOMINEES FOR JUDICIAL  
VACANCIES,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to propose a constitutional  
amendment to reduce the number of nominees presented to the  
Governor and the Chief Justice for various judicial vacancies from  
four to six nominees to three nominees.

Your Committee felt that reducing the amount of nominees  
would minimize the politicization of the appointment process and  
would allow for the most qualified to be selected.

Your Committee received testimony from the Public Defender  
and the Attorney General's Office opposing the bill.

Your Committee amended the bill to remove the minimum amount  
and to set the amount to a finite number of three nominees. The  
bill initially did not set a maximum amount.

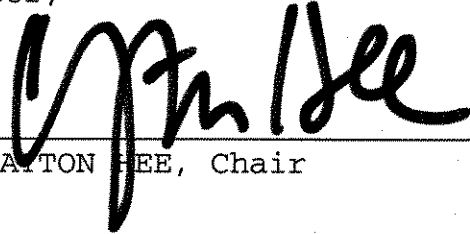
As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your  
Committee on Judiciary and Labor that is attached to this report,  
your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B.  
No. 948, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second

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Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 948, S.D. 1, and  
be placed on the calendar for Third Reading.

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




CLAYTON HEE, Chair



The Senate  
Twenty-Fourth Legislature  
State of Hawaii

**Record of Votes**  
**Committee on Judiciary and Labor**  
**JDL**

Bill / Resolution No.:*	Committee Referral:	Date:
SB 948	JDL	2/12/07
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure. If so, then the previous decision was to: _____		
The Recommendation is:		
<input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311 <input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310 <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313		
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)
Nay	Excused	
HEE, Clayton (C)	/	
KOKUBUN, Russell S. (VC)	/	
INOUE, Lorraine R.	/	
NISHIHARA, Clarence K.	/	
GABBARD, Mike	/	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>0</b>
Recommendation:		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted		
Chair's or Designee's Signature:		
		
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