



The Judiciary, State of Hawaii

Testimony to the Senate Committee on Ways and Means

The Honorable Donna Mercado Kim, Chair

The Honorable Shan S. Tsutsui, Vice Chair

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Bill No. and Title: Senate Bill No. 2155, Relating to Judiciary Fees.

Purpose: To authorize the Judiciary to recover the costs of allowing electronic payments.

Judiciary's Position:

The Judiciary strongly supports Senate Bill No. 2155, which is part of the Judiciary's 2010 legislative package. This bill will allow the Judiciary to recover the costs of services that allow electronic payments of fines, fees and court costs. The Judiciary is charged a fee for each electronic payment transaction. These fees are currently paid out as part of the Judiciary's operating costs. This legislation will allow the Judiciary to recoup the fee from the consumer of the service so that other operational needs are not impaired by offering the electronic payment service.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on Senate Bill No. 2155.