



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. 2454, S.D. 1, Relating to Public Agency Meetings and Records.

Purpose: Allows courts to charge fees for certified copies of pleadings, orders, transcripts, and other documents. Provides an exemption for state agencies, as may be limited by court rules.

Judiciary's Position:

The Judiciary has no objection to Senate Bill No. 2454, S.D. 1, which would authorize a fee-by-rule. If this bill passes, the Supreme Court can consider whether to impose a fee for the certification of copies of any pleadings, orders, transcripts, and other documents.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony on this measure.