

February 24, 2011

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**TO:** Senate Ways and Means Committee

**FR:** Dee Dee Letts, Board Member Mediation Center of the Pacific

**HEARING DATE:** Friday, February 25, 2011

**MEASURE NUMBER:** SB 1073, RELATING TO SURCHARGE FOR INDIGENT LEGAL SERVICES

**SUBMITTED BY E-MAIL:** [testimony@capitol.hawaii.gov](mailto:testimony@capitol.hawaii.gov)

Dear Chair Ige and Committee Members:

I am writing in support of SB 1073 to increase the surcharge from \$25 to \$65 in Circuit Court and Court of Appeal filings; increasing the fee from \$10 to \$35 in District Court filings, and expanding the surcharge in District Court filings from just summary possession to all cases, including collection cases.

Increasing these fees would significantly increase access to justice for our most vulnerable and under served communities. I respectfully request that you pass this bill.