

Honolulu, Hawaii

March 9, 2012

RE: H.B. No. 1800

H.D. 2

Honorable Calvin K.Y. Say  
Speaker, House of Representatives  
Twenty-Sixth State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2012  
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Finance, to which was referred H.B. No. 1800, 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 appropriate supplemental funds for the operating and capital improvement costs for the Judicial Branch for fiscal year (FY) July 1, 2012, through June 30, 2013.

The Judiciary and Domestic Violence Action Center testified in support of this measure.

Your Committee continues to support the Kapolei Court Complex in its efforts to maintain a secure environment with the addition of three juvenile detention workers at the Hale Ho'omaluu Juvenile Detention Facility by appropriating \$78,000 in general funds to fund security guard contracts and \$696,000 in general funds to fund maintenance agreements and warranty contracts for upkeep to the facility.

In order to support the expansion of court interpreter services, your Committee has approved \$235,000 in additional funding to broaden services and meet federal mandates. Your Committee has also provided three positions and \$119,000 to maintain services for the adult community service sentencing program that was transferred from the Public Safety Division.



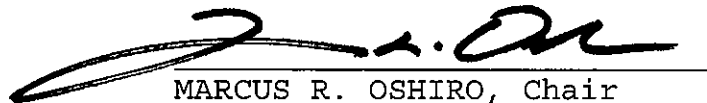
In response to an increase in surcharges to fund an expansion of indigent legal services to low- and moderate-income individuals that was provided for in Act 180, Session Laws of Hawaii 2011, your Committee has increased the special fund ceiling of the Indigent Legal Assistance Fund by \$675,000. These funds are necessary to provide broader access to quality civil legal services for those who otherwise would not have the financial means.

Your Committee has also provided two additional social worker positions to the First Circuit Court. These positions are critical to Veterans Court and Victim Services, providing support to Hawaii's war veterans and assisting victims and their families as they proceed through the criminal justice system.

Lastly, your Committee has appropriated \$20,842,000 for capital improvement projects for the FY 2012-2013 supplemental budget. The amount includes funding for various internal maintenance and upgrade projects to resolve issues with air conditioning systems on Maui and Oahu, as well as exterior building improvements at various sites across Oahu.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1800, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1800, H.D. 2.

Respectfully submitted on  
behalf of the members of the  
Committee on Finance,

  
MARCUS R. OSHIRO, Chair



