

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

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Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: S.B. No. 650

Honorable Shan S. Tsutsui
President of the Senate
Twenty-Sixth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2012
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Judiciary and Labor, to which was referred S.B. No. 650 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE VI, SECTION 3, OF THE CONSTITUTION OF THE STATE OF HAWAII AUTHORIZING THE CHIEF JUSTICE OF THE STATE SUPREME COURT TO APPOINT RETIRED JUDGES TO SERVE AS EMERITUS JUDGES,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to propose an amendment to the Hawaii State Constitution to authorize the Chief Justice of the Hawaii Supreme Court to appoint judges who have retired upon attaining the age of seventy years to serve as per diem judges or judicial mentors for terms not to exceed three months.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Judiciary. Testimony in opposition to this measure was submitted by the Office of the Public Defender.

Your Committee finds that this measure recognizes the knowledge and experience of retired judges as valuable resources. Retired judges can serve as judicial mentors to other sitting judges, and can assist in expediting the disposition of cases.

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. 650 and recommends that it pass Second Reading and be placed on the calendar for Third Reading.

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



CLAYTON HEE, Chair



