

Honolulu, Hawaii

February 8, 2013

RE: H.B. No. 1278

H.D. 1

Honorable Joseph M. Souki  
Speaker, House of Representatives  
Twenty-Seventh State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2013  
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Public Safety, to which was referred H.B. No. 1278 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO COURT FEES,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to provide more adequate monetary compensation to law enforcement and other serving officers by increasing various fees for services related to the service of process.

The Department of Public Safety and a concerned individual supported this measure. A concerned individual provided comments.

Your Committee notes that with the change in law last year to permit any person "approved by the court" to serve process, any person over 18 years of age and not a party to the lawsuit may serve process, which may present challenges for those requiring a service of process. Your Committee encourages subsequent committees, should they choose to hear this measure, to also consider the broader issue of who is qualified to serve civil process while contemplating fee increases.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Making unspecified all fee amounts; and



- (2) Changing its effective date to July 1, 2050, to encourage further discussion.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Public Safety that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1278, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1278, H.D. 1, and be referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

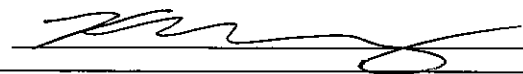
Respectfully submitted on  
behalf of the members of the  
Committee on Public Safety,

  
HENRY J.C. AQUINO, Chair



State of Hawaii  
House of Representatives  
The Twenty-seventh Legislature

Record of Votes of the Committee on Public Safety

Bill/Resolution No.: HB 1278	Committee Referral: PBS, JUD, FIN	Date: 2/7/13		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.				
The recommendation is to: <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended (as is) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments (HD) <input type="checkbox"/> Hold <input type="checkbox"/> Pass short form bill with HD to recommit for future public hearing (recommit)				
PBS Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. AQUINO, Henry J.C. (C)	✓			
2. ING, Kaniela (VC)	✓			
3. HASHEM, Mark J.	✓			
4. ICHIYAMA, Linda	✓			
5. NAKASHIMA, Mark M.	✓			
6. TAKUMI, Roy M.	✓			
7. YAMANE, Ryan I.	✓			
8. YAMASHITA, Kyle T.	✓			
9. MCDERMOTT, Bob			✓	
TOTAL (9)	8	0	1	0
The recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted If joint referral, _____ did not support recommendation. committee acronym(s)				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature: 				
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