

Honolulu, Hawaii
February 15, 2013

RE: H.B. No. 780
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 Judiciary, to which was referred H.B. No. 780 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO LEGAL SERVICES,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to authorize a deputy attorney general, except for the Attorney General's First Deputy, to provide pro bono legal services at the discretion of the Attorney General.

The Department of the Attorney General and Hawaii Access to Justice Commission testified in support of this measure. The Hawaii State Ethics Commission provided comments.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Clarifying that any deputy attorney general who provides pro bono legal services shall be subject to all applicable rules prescribed by the Hawaii Supreme Court pursuant to section 605-6, Hawaii Revised Statutes; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for clarity, consistency, and style.



As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Judiciary that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 780, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 780, H.D. 1, and be referred to the Committee on Finance.

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



KARL RHOADS, Chair



