

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

413

Honolulu, Hawaii

February 14, 2013

RE: H.B. No. 197
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. 197 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE JUDICIARY,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to appropriate funds for the operating and capital improvement costs of the Judiciary for the fiscal biennium from July 1, 2013, through June 30, 2015.

The Judiciary, Office of the Prosecuting Attorney of the County of Hawaii, Legal Aid Society of Hawaii, Crime Victim Compensation Commission, Hawaii State Coalition Against Domestic Violence, American Association of University Women-Windward, and several concerned individuals testified in support of the bill.

The Hawaii State Bar Association testified in support of the capital improvement projects, the adjustment of judicial salaries, and the increase of the Indigent Legal Assistance Fund (ILAF) ceiling amount. The Legal Aid Society of Hawaii, Mediation Center of the Pacific, Volunteer Legal Services Hawaii, Domestic Violence Action Center, American Civil Liberties Union of Hawaii, Hawaii Justice Foundation, Hawaii Disability Rights Center, and two concerned individuals testified in support of the increase of the ILAF ceiling amount.

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The Mayor of the County of Hawaii, Office of the Prosecuting Attorney of the County of Hawaii, West Hawaii Bar Association, and numerous concerned individuals testified in support of the capital improvement project for the Kona Judiciary Complex. A concerned individual offered comments.

The Hawaii State Coalition Against Domestic Violence, Child & Family Service, Domestic Violence Action Center, Hawaii Women's Coalition, and several concerned individuals testified in support of the restoration of funding for various social services.

Your Committee considered the Judiciary's budget request for program appropriations and capital improvement projects.

Accordingly, your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Increasing appropriations to the First Circuit (JUD 310) for the Purchase of Service Funds for Juvenile and Adult Client Services, by \$107,234.40 for each fiscal year;
- (2) Including additional unspecified appropriation amounts for (JUD 601) Capital Improvement Project, specifically the Kona Judiciary Complex, for the design and construction of an adjacent correctional facility; and
- (3) 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. 197, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 197, 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



