

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 3268

Honolulu, Hawaii

APR 03 2014

RE: S.C.R. No. 116

Honorable Donna Mercado Kim
President of the Senate
Twenty-Seventh State Legislature
Regular Session of 2014
State of Hawaii

Madam:

Your Committee on Ways and Means, to which was referred
S.C.R. No. 116 entitled:

"SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE HAWAII ACCESS TO
JUSTICE COMMISSION TO CONVENE A WORKING GROUP TO DEVELOP AN
EDUCATIONAL LOAN REPAYMENT PROGRAM FOR WILLIAM S. RICHARDSON
SCHOOL OF LAW GRADUATES TO EXPAND OPPORTUNITIES TO PURSUE
PUBLIC INTEREST CAREERS IN HAWAII THAT DIRECTLY SERVE
UNDERSERVED COMMUNITIES,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to request the
Hawaii Access to Justice Commission to convene a working group to
develop an educational loan repayment program for William S.
Richardson School of Law graduates to expand opportunities to
pursue public interest careers in Hawaii for the benefit of
underserved communities.

Your Committee received written comments in support of this
measure from the University of Hawaii at Manoa William S.
Richardson School of Law; Hawaii Access to Justice Commission;
Hawaii Appleseed Center for Law and Economic Justice; Community
Alliance on Prisons; and Students for Public Outreach and Civic
Education - Richardson School of Law.

Your Committee finds that there is strong interest in the
practice of public interest law among Hawaii lawyers, including
students of the William S. Richardson School of Law. However,
Hawaii's high cost of living makes it difficult for many Hawaii
lawyers to endure the low compensation of public interest law



careers. Your Committee further finds that an educational loan repayment program would encourage more graduates to remain in the islands and practice public interest law and reaffirm the State's commitment to ensure equal access to its courts. Your Committee believes that this measure will initiate activities to attract more lawyers to engage in public interest work and reduce the financial burdens of choosing a career in public interest law.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Ways and Means that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of S.C.R. No. 116 and recommends its adoption.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Ways and Means,



DAVID Y. IGE, Chair



The Senate
 Twenty-Seventh Legislature
 State of Hawai'i

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SCR 116	HRE/JDL WAM	4-1-14		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure. If so, then the previous decision was to: _____				
The Recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312 <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311 <input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310 <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
IGE, David Y. (C)	✓			
KIDANI, Michelle N. (VC)	✓			
CHUN OAKLAND, Suzanne	✓			
DELA CRUZ, Donovan M.				✓
ENGLISH, J. Kalani				✓
ESPERO, Will	✓			
KAHELE, Gilbert	✓			
KEITH-AGARAN, Gilbert S.C.	✓			
KOUCHI, Ronald D.	✓			
RUDERMAN, Russell E.	✓			
THIELEN, Laura H.	✓			
TOKUDA, Jill N.	✓			
SLOM, Sam	✓			
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Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: <i>Michelle N. Kidani</i>				
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