

Honolulu, Hawaii

February 11, 2016

RE: H.B. No. 2121

H.D. 1

Honorable Joseph M. Souki
Speaker, House of Representatives
Twenty-Eighth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2016
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Human Services, to which was referred H.B. No. 2121 entitled:

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

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to appropriate funds to the Judiciary to purchase civil legal services for low- and moderate-income persons.

The Judiciary, Americans for Democratic Action, Domestic Violence Action Center, Volunteer Legal Services Hawaii, Legal Aid Society of Hawaii, Ho'omana Pono, LLC, and numerous concerned individuals supported this measure. The Hawaii Disability Rights Center provided comments.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing the amount appropriated to the Judiciary to purchase civil legal services to an unspecified amount; and
- (2) Changing the effective date to July 1, 2050, to facilitate further discussion.



Should your Committee on Finance deliberate on this measure further, your Committee on Human Services respectfully requests that it consider appropriating \$2,159,632 to the Judiciary for the purpose of purchasing civil legal services for low- and moderate-income persons.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Human Services that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2121, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2121, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Judiciary.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Human Services,



DEE MORIKAWA, Chair



State of Hawaii
House of Representatives **HSCR 172-16**
The Twenty-eighth Legislature

Record of Votes of the Committee on Human Services

Bill/Resolution No.: HB2121	Committee Referral: HUS, JUD, FIN	Date: 2-9-16		
<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)				
HUS Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. MORIKAWA, Dee (C)	/			
2. KOBAYASHI, Bertrand (VC)	/			
3. BELATTI, Della Au				/
4. CREAGAN, Richard P.	/			
5. HASHEM, Mark J.	/			
6. JORDAN, Jo	/			
7. OSHIRO, Marcus R.	/			
8. FUKUMOTO CHANG, Beth	/			3 BK
TOTAL (8)	7			1
The recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
If joint referral, _____ committee acronym(s) _____ did not support recommendation.				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature: <i>By Key</i>				
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