

Honolulu, Hawaii
March 4, 2016

RE: H.B. No. 2121
H.D. 3

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

Sir:

Your Committee on Finance, to which was referred H.B. No. 2121, H.D. 2, 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.

Volunteer Legal Services Hawaii, Legal Aid Society of Hawaii, Hawaii Access to Justice Commission, the Family Law Section of the Hawaii State Bar Association, Hawaii Disability Rights Center, Catholic Charities Hawaii, and numerous individuals testified in support of this measure. The Judiciary and the Domestic Violence Action Center provided comments.

Your Committee has amended this measure by changing the appropriation from \$2,159,632 to an unspecified amount.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2121, H.D. 2, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2121, H.D. 3.



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



A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Sylvia Luke', is written over a horizontal line.

SYLVIA LUKE, Chair



