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.

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

SYLVIA LUKE, Chair

## Record of Votes of the Committee on Finance

Bill/Resolution No.: HB2121 HD2	Committee Referral: HUS, JUD, FIN			Date: 02/25/16		
☐ The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.						
The recommendation is to:  Pass, unamended (as is)  Pass, with amendments (HD)  Hold  Pass short form bill with HD to recommit for future public hearing (recommit)						
FIN Members		Ayes	Ayes (W	<b>R</b> ) 1	Nays	Excused
1. LUKE, Sylvia (C)						
2. NISHIMOTO, Scott Y. (VC)						
3. CACHOLA, Romy M.		7,				
4. CULLEN, Ty J.K.						
5. DeCOITE, Lynn						
6. JOHANSON, Aaron Ling						
7. JORDAN, Jo						
8. KEOHOKALOLE, Jarrett						
9. KOBAYASHI, Bertrand						
10. LoPRESTI, Matthew S.						
11. LOWEN, Nicole E.						
12. ONISHI, Richard H.K.						
13. TOKIOKA, James Kunane						
14. YAMASHITA, Kyle T.						
15. POUHA, Feki		//				
16. WARD, Gene						
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TOTAL (16)	_	15				l
The recommendation is:  Adopted  If joint referral, did not support recommendation.  committee acronym(s)						
Vice Chair's or designee's signature:						
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