

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 3539

Honolulu, Hawaii

APR 08 2016

RE: H.B. No. 2121
H.D. 3
S.D. 2

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate
Twenty-Eighth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2016
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Ways and Means, to which was referred H.B. No. 2121, H.D. 3, S.D. 1, entitled:

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

begs leave to report as follows:

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

Your Committee received written comments in support of this measure from the Judiciary, Legal Aid Society of Hawaii, Hawaii Access to Justice Commission, Catholic Charities Hawaii, Volunteer Legal Services Hawaii, and twelve individuals.

Your Committee finds that many citizens cannot afford an attorney to help navigate through the court system for civil matters. Civil legal services providers offer assistance and equal access to justice to the most vulnerable members of our community. However, many civil legal service providers have extremely limited resources. Your Committee believes that providing funding for civil legal services will increase the number of low- and moderate-income persons who receive legal assistance in the State and promote equity in the judicial system.

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

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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 is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2121, H.D. 3, S.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2121, H.D. 3, S.D. 2.

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

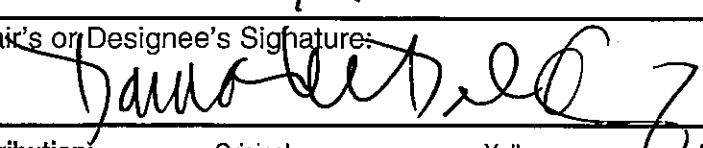


JILL N. TOKUDA, Chair



The Senate
 Twenty-Eighth Legislature
 State of Hawai'i

Record of Votes
Committee on Ways and Means
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Bill / Resolution No.:* HB 2121, HD 3, SD 1	Committee Referral: JDL, WAM	Date: 3/30/16		
<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 type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311 <input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310 <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
TOKUDA, Jill N. (C)	/			
DELA CRUZ, Donovan M. (VC)	/			
CHUN OAKLAND, Suzanne	/			
ENGLISH, J. Kalani				/
GALUTERIA, Brickwood	/			
HARIMOTO, Breene	/			
INOUE, Lorraine R.				/
RIVIERE, Gil	/			
TANIGUCHI, Brian T.	/			
WAKAI, Glenn	/			
SLOM, Sam				/
TOTAL	8			3
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: 				
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*Only one measure per Record of Votes