

Honolulu, Hawaii

March 2, 2018

RE: H.B. No. 2194
H.D. 1

Honorable Scott K. Saiki
Speaker, House of Representatives
Twenty-Ninth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2018
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Finance, to which was referred H.B. No. 2194, H.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE JUDICIARY,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Allow a court of inferior jurisdiction to certify to the Hawaii Supreme Court a question or proposition of law on which the court of inferior jurisdiction seeks instruction for the proper decision of a remanded case; and
- (2) Require the Supreme Court to answer the certified question or proposition of law from a lower court within an unspecified number of calendar days.

The Hawaii State Bar Association's Appellate Section, Ho'omanapono Political Action Committee, Ho'omana Pono, LLC, and a concerned individual opposed this measure. The Judiciary, Office of the Prosecuting Attorney of the County of Kauai, and Land Use Research Foundation of Hawaii provided comments.

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. 2194, H.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

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



SYLVIA LUKE, Chair



