

Honolulu, Hawaii
February 14, 2018

RE: H.B. No. 2586
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 Judiciary, to which was referred H.B. No. 2586 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE HAWAII LEGAL AID INTERAGENCY ROUNDTABLE,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Establish and appropriate funds for the Hawaii Legal Aid Interagency Roundtable (Roundtable) to facilitate cooperation between various state agencies regarding civil legal services and access to justice; and
- (2) Require the Roundtable to submit reports to the Governor and Legislature.

The Judiciary and two individuals testified in support of this measure. The Department of the Attorney General supported the intent of this measure. The Department of Human Services provided comments.



Your Committee has amended this measure by requiring:

- (1) The Department of Human Services' staff to serve as the staff of the Roundtable instead of the Department of the Attorney General's staff; and
- (2) The Department of Human Services rather than the Department of the Attorney General to:
 - (A) Provide administrative services, funds, facilities, staff, equipment, and other support services for the Roundtable; and
 - (B) Expend the funds appropriated for the Roundtable.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Judiciary that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2586, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2586, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Finance.

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



SCOTT Y. NISHIMOTO, Chair



