

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 28, 2018

RE: H.R. No. 126

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

Sir:

Your Committee on Health & Human Services, to which was referred H.R. No. 126 entitled:

"HOUSE RESOLUTION URGING THE STATE OF HAWAII DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES AND THE DEPARTMENT OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL TO CONVENE AND PARTICIPATE IN THE HAWAII LEGAL AID INTERAGENCY ROUNDTABLE TO BETTER SERVE LOW-INCOME, VULNERABLE, AND AT-RISK POPULATIONS AND INCREASE THE AVAILABILITY OF MEANINGFUL ACCESS TO JUSTICE FOR FAMILIES AND INDIVIDUALS IN THE STATE,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to facilitate cooperation between State agencies in order to provide underserved and vulnerable populations in Hawaii with access to legal services and justice by:

- (1) Urging the Director of Human Services and the Attorney General to convene, and serve as co-chairs of, a Hawaii Legal Aid Interagency Roundtable (Roundtable) consisting of various stakeholders to examine the barriers in accessing legal assistance in Hawaii;
- (2) Requesting that the Roundtable submit an annual report to the Governor and Legislature regarding any advancement in providing access to legal assistance to underserved and vulnerable populations; and

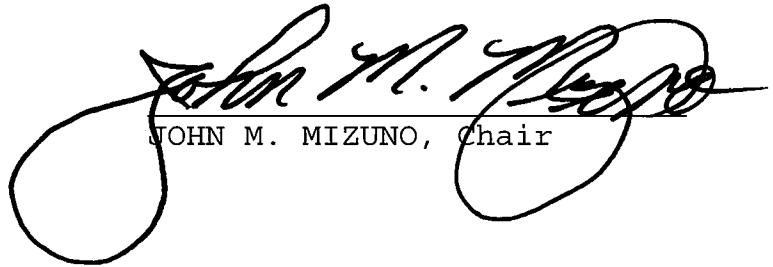


- (3) Requesting that the Roundtable submit a report by January 1, 2020, on the economic impact of funding access to civil legal services.

The Judiciary supported this measure. The Department of the Attorney General and Department of Human Services offered comments for this measure.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Health & Human Services that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of H.R. No. 126 and recommends that it be referred to your Committee on Judiciary.

Respectfully submitted on  
behalf of the members of the  
Committee on Health & Human  
Services,



JOHN M. MIZUNO, Chair



Record of Votes of the Committee on Health & Human Services

<b>Bill/Resolution No.:</b> HR126	<b>Committee Referral:</b> HHS, JUD	<b>Date:</b> 3-21-18		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.				
<b>The recommendation is to:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended (as is) <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments (HD) <input type="checkbox"/> Hold <input type="checkbox"/> Pass short form bill with HD to recommit for future public hearing (recommit)				
<b>HHS Members</b>	<b>Ayes</b>	<b>Ayes (WR)</b>	<b>Nays</b>	<b>Excused</b>
1. MIZUNO, John M. (C)	/			
2. KOBAYASHI, Bertrand (VC)	/			
3. BELATTI, Della Au	/			
4. LEARMONT, Lei R.	/			
5. TUPOLA, Andria P.L.				/
<b>TOTAL (5)</b>	4	-	-	1
<b>The recommendation is:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted If joint referral, _____ did not support recommendation. committee acronym(s)				
<b>Vice Chair's or designee's signature:</b> <u>By: Kepi</u>				
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