

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 514

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 17 2017

RE: S.B. No. 872
S.D. 1

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate
Twenty-Ninth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2017
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Judiciary and Labor, to which was referred
S.B. No. 872 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO ETHICS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to allow the State
Ethics Commission to employ or retain its own attorneys.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure
from the State Ethics Commission and Democratic Party of Hawai'i.

Your Committee finds that existing law prohibits any state
agency from hiring attorneys, except for the agencies specified
under section 28-8.3(a), Hawaii Revised Statutes. This measure
adds the State Ethics Commission as one of those agencies that are
exempt to allow the Commission to hire and retain attorneys other
than deputy attorneys general for legal representation, counsel,
or drafting services.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Deleting section 1 and renumbering the remaining
sections accordingly; and
- (2) Inserting an effective date of January 7, 2059, to
encourage further discussion.



As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Judiciary and Labor that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 872, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 872, S.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Ways and Means.

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


GILBERT S.C. KEITH-AGARAN, Chair



