

STAND. COM. REP. NO. **2561**

Honolulu, Hawaii

**FEB 12 2020**

RE: S.B. No. 2008

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi  
President of the Senate  
Thirtieth State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2020  
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Judiciary, to which was referred S.B. No. 2008 entitled:

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

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to make an appropriation to the Judiciary to purchase civil legal services for low and moderate income persons.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Judiciary, Department of Human Services, Legal Aid Society of Hawai'i, Volunteer Legal Services Hawai'i, Hawai'i Access to Justice Commission, and two individuals.

Your Committee finds that legal services are often prohibitively expensive for low and moderate income persons. Your Committee further finds that a number of non-profit and volunteer organizations exist to provide quality legal services to persons who require services but lack the resources to pay for them. Your Committee additionally finds that, although these organizations generally function on a volunteer basis, they still require funding for operating costs and other expenses. Your Committee notes that similar funding is provided in S.B. No. 2116, Regular Session of 2020, which previously passed out of your Committee. This measure will support these organizations by providing legal services to those in need.



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 S.B. No. 2008 and recommends that it pass Second Reading and be referred to your Committee on Ways and Means.

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



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KARL RHOADS, Chair



The Senate  
Thirtieth Legislature  
State of Hawai'i

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**Committee on Judiciary**  
**JDC**

Bill / Resolution No.:* <b>SB 2008</b>	Committee Referral: <b>JDC, WAM</b>	Date: <b>2/4/2020</b>		
<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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312 <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311 <input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310 <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
RHOADS, Karl (C)	/			
KEOHOKALOLE, Jarrett (VC)	/			
GABBARD, Mike	/			
KIM, Donna Mercado	/			
FEVELLA, Kurt				/
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>4</b>			<b>1</b>
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature:				
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