

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

2310

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 03 2020

RE: S.B. No. 2116

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. 2116 entitled:

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

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to appropriate supplemental funds for the operating and capital improvement costs of the Judiciary for the fiscal biennium beginning July 1, 2019 and ending June 30, 2021.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Judiciary, Hawaii State Bar Association, Maui County Bar Association, Legal Aid Society of Hawaii, Volunteer Legal Services Hawai'i, and two individuals.

OPERATING BUDGET

Positions and Related Costs

Your Committee finds that the Judiciary has requested funding for fiscal year 2020-2021 for seven new permanent positions. These positions include a District Court Judge and three support staff for the Second Circuit and a Court Operations Specialist for the Courts of Appeal. Your Committee also finds that the Judiciary has requested the temporary-to-permanent position conversion for two Court Appointed Special Advocate social worker



positions in the First Circuit. Your Committee approves of these requests.

Civil Legal Services

Your Committee additionally finds that the continuous funding of \$500,000 for civil legal services is necessary to provide much needed assistance to legal service organizations, including Volunteer Legal Services Hawai'i and the Legal Aid Society of Hawaii. Your Committee notes that this amount may not reflect the entire needs of these organizations. Your Committee also notes that this supplemental budget request is consistent with previous Judiciary budget acts.

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT BUDGET

Your Committee finds that capital improvement project requirements remain an item of concern as the Judiciary's infrastructure continues to age and deteriorate, and as the population served and services provided by the Judiciary keep expanding. Your Committee approves funding to upgrade and modernize the fire alarm system and elevators of Ka'ahumanu Hale in the First Circuit, and renovation of and security improvements to the Ka'ahumanu Hale Sheriff Station. Your Committee also approves the Judiciary's request for funding for parking structure improvements to the Hoapili Hale in the Second Circuit and repairs to damages at the Pu'uhonua Kaulike in the Fifth Circuit. Your Committee additionally approves of funding for improvements to Judiciary facilities statewide.

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. 2116 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,

Karl Rhoads

KARL RHOADS, Chair



The Senate
Thirtieth Legislature
State of Hawai'i

Record of Votes
Committee on Judiciary
JDC

Bill / Resolution No.:* SB 2116	Committee Referral: JDC, WAM	Date: 01/28/2020		
<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	/			
TOTAL	4			1
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature:				
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*Only one measure per Record of Votes