

JAN 21 2022

A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO CIVIL LEGAL SERVICES.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that legal services are
2 often prohibitively expensive for low and moderate income
3 persons. The legislature further finds that several non-profit
4 and volunteer organizations exist in the State and provide
5 quality legal services to persons who require services but lack
6 the resources to pay for them. These organizations include,
7 without limitation, Volunteer Legal Services Hawaii, Domestic
8 Violence Action Center, and the Legal Aid Society of Hawai'i.
9 While these organizations generally function on a volunteer or
10 not-for-profit basis, they still require funding for operating
11 costs and other expenses.

12 The purpose of this Act is to support these non-profit and
13 volunteer organizations by appropriating funds for the judiciary
14 to purchase civil legal services for low and moderate income
15 persons.

16 SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general
17 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$750,000 or so much



1 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2022-2023 for the
2 purchase of civil legal services for low and moderate income
3 persons.

4 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the judiciary for
5 the purposes of this Act.

6 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2022.

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INTRODUCED BY: _____

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S.B. NO. 2392

Report Title:

Civil Legal Services; Judiciary; Appropriation

Description:

Appropriates funds for the Judiciary to purchase civil legal services for low and moderate income persons.

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