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# 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 nonprofit  
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. While these organizations  
7 generally function on a volunteer or not-for-profit basis, they  
8 still require funding for operating costs and other expenses.

9       The purpose of this Act is to support these nonprofit and  
10 volunteer organizations by appropriating funds for the judiciary  
11 to purchase civil legal services for low and moderate income  
12 persons.

13       SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general  
14 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$750,000 or so much  
15 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2022-2023 for the  
16 purchase of civil legal services for low and moderate income  
17 persons.



1           The sum appropriated shall be expended by the judiciary for  
2 the purposes of this Act.

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



**Report Title:**

Civil Legal Services; Judiciary; Appropriation

**Description:**

Appropriates funds for the Judiciary to purchase civil legal services for low and moderate income persons. (SD1)

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