

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 15 , 2022

RE: H.B. No. 1843
H.D. 1

Honorable Scott K. Saiki
Speaker, House of Representatives
Thirty-First State Legislature
Regular Session of 2022
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs, to which was referred H.B. No. 1843 entitled:

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

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to appropriate funds for 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, Volunteer Legal Services Hawai'i, Legal Aid Society of Hawai'i, Filipina Advocacy Network, Hawaii Justice Foundation, The Legal Clinic, Hawaii Access to Justice Commission, and six individuals. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Budget and Finance.

Your Committee finds that legal services can be prohibitively expensive for low- and moderate-income persons. Your Committee further finds that there are several nonprofit and volunteer organizations in the State that provide quality legal services to these persons. This measure helps to ensure that legal services are available to persons who need them but lack the resources to pay for them.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:



- (1) Amending the purpose section to delete references to specific nonprofit and volunteer organizations; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1843, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1843, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Finance.

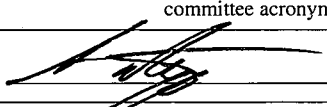
Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Judiciary &
Hawaiian Affairs,



MARK M. NAKASHIMA, Chair



Record of Votes of the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs

| Bill/Resolution No.: HB1843 | Committee Referral: JHA, FIN | Date: 2-3-22 | | |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure. | | | | |
| The recommendation is to: <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended (as is) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments (HD) <input type="checkbox"/> Hold <input type="checkbox"/> Pass short form bill with HD to recommit for future public hearing (recommit) | | | | |
| JHA Members | Ayes | Ayes (WR) | Nays | Excused |
| 1. NAKASHIMA, Mark M. (C) | ✓ | | | |
| 2. MATAYOSHI, Scot Z. (VC) | ✓ | | | |
| 3. ICHIYAMA, Linda | ✓ | | | |
| 4. KOBAYASHI, Dale T. | ✓ | | | |
| 5. LoPRESTI, Matthew S. | | | | ✓ |
| 6. LOWEN, Nicole E. | | | | ✓ |
| 7. McKELVEY, Angus L.K. | ✓ | | | |
| 8. NAKAMURA, Nadine K. | ✓ | | | |
| 9. TAKUMI, Roy M. | ✓ | | | |
| 10. TODD, Chris | ✓ | | | |
| 11. TOKIOKA, James Kunane | ✓ | | | |
| 12. WARD, Gene | | | | ✓ |
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| TOTAL (12) | 9 | 0 | 0 | 3 |
| The recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted If joint referral, _____ did not support recommendation. committee acronym(s) | | | | |
| Vice Chair's or designee's signature:  | | | | |
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