

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

2117

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 08 2022

RE: S.B. No. 2605

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate
Thirty-First State Legislature
Regular Session of 2022
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Hawaiian Affairs, to which was referred
S.B. No. 2605 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO INDEPENDENT LEGAL COUNSEL,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to allow the
Department of Hawaiian Home Lands to retain independent legal
counsel as needed, whose legal fees are to be paid for by the
State.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure
from the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands and three individuals.
Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure
from the Department of the Attorney General.

Your Committee finds that when the need arises, the
Department of Hawaiian Home Lands should be able to employ or
retain an attorney for the purposes of representing the State in
litigation, rendering legal counsel to the department, or drafting
legal documents. This measure will allow the Department of
Hawaiian Home Lands to do so, and provides that all legal fees
owed to independent counsel are to be paid by the State.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your
Committee on Hawaiian Affairs that is attached to this report,
your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B.



No. 2605 and recommends that it pass Second Reading and be referred to your Committees on Judiciary and Ways and Means.

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

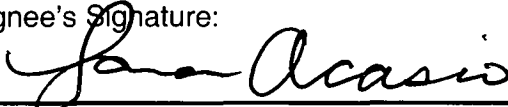


MAILE S.L. SHIMABUKURO, Chair



The Senate
Thirty-First Legislature
State of Hawai'i

Record of Votes
Committee on Hawaiian Affairs
HWN

Bill / Resolution No.:*	Committee Referral:	Date:		
SB 2605	HWN, JDC/WAM	2/11/2022		
<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
SHIMABUKURO, Maile S.L. (C)	X			
KEOHOKALOOLE, Jarrett (VC)	X			
ACASIO, Laura	X			
IHARA, Jr., Les				X
FEVELLA, Kurt			X	
TOTAL	3		1	1
Recommendation:				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature:				
				
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