

Honolulu, Hawaii

APR 25 2025

RE: S.B. No. 304
S.D. 1
H.D. 2
C.D. 1

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate
Thirty-Third State Legislature
Regular Session of 2025
State of Hawaii

Honorable Nadine K. Nakamura
Speaker, House of Representatives
Thirty-Third State Legislature
Regular Session of 2025
State of Hawaii

Sir and Madam:

Your Committee on Conference on the disagreeing vote of the Senate to the amendments proposed by the House of Representatives in S.B. No. 304, S.D. 1, H.D. 2, entitled:

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

having met, and after full and free discussion, has agreed to recommend and does recommend to the respective Houses the final passage of this bill in an amended form.

The purpose of this measure is to enable the Adult Client Services Branch to move toward the recommended national best practice standards for community supervision by establishing positions and appropriating funds for the Adult Client Services Branch of the First Circuit.

Your Committee on Conference finds that in 2024, the American Probation and Parole Association published national standards for community supervision. However, due to probation officers in the First Circuit supervising diverse caseloads which are comprised of multiple types of cases that include intensive risk to administrative risk cases, these standards are unattainable with



existing staffing at the Adult Client Services Branch. This measure will enable the Adult Client Services Branch to move toward the recommended national best practice standards for community supervision.

Your Committee on Conference has amended this measure by:

- (1) Inserting an appropriation amount of \$739,440 for the fiscal biennium to establish permanent positions in the Adult Client Services Branch of the First Circuit, including:
 - (A) \$73,836 each for eight full-time equivalent (8.0 FTE) probation officer positions;
 - (B) \$50,880 for one full-time equivalent (1.0 FTE) social worker position; and
 - (C) \$48,936 each for two full-time equivalent (2.0 FTE) clerk positions;
- (2) Inserting an appropriation amount of \$140,000 for the fiscal biennium for operating expenses for the Adult Client Services Branch of the First Circuit;
- (3) Changing its effective date to July 1, 2025; and
- (4) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity and consistency.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the managers of your Committee on Conference that is attached to this report, your Committee on Conference is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 304, S.D. 1, H.D. 2, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Final Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 304, S.D. 1, H.D. 2, C.D. 1.



Respectfully submitted on behalf
of the managers:

ON THE PART OF THE HOUSE



DAVID A. TARNAS
Co-Chair



LISA KITAGAWA
Co-Chair

ON THE PART OF THE SENATE



KARL RHOADS
Chair



LORRAINE R. INOUE
Co-Chair



Hawai'i State Legislature

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Record of Votes of a
Conference Committee

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The recommendation of the House and Senate managers is to pass with amendments (CD).

The Committee is reconsidering its previous decision.

<input type="checkbox"/> The recommendation of the Senate Manager(s) is to AGREE to the House amendments made to the Senate Measure	<input type="checkbox"/> The recommendation of the House Manager(s) is to AGREE to the Senate amendments made to the House Measure.
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Senate Managers	A	WR	N	E	House Managers	A	WR	N	E
RHOADS, Karl, Chr.	✓				TARNAS, David A., Co-Chr.	✓			
INOUE, Lorraine R., Co-Chr.	✓				KITAGAWA, Lisa, Co-Chr.	✓			
AWA, Brenton				✓	BELATTI, Della Au	✓			
					SHIMIZU, Garner M.	✓			
TOTAL	2	0	0	1	TOTAL	4	0	0	0

A = Aye WR = Aye with Reservations N = Nay E = Excused

Senate Recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted	House Recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted
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Senate Lead Chair's or Designee's Signature: 	House Lead Chair's or Designee's Signature:
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