

Honolulu, Hawaii

**FEB 14**, 2024

RE: H.B. No. 2722  
H.D. 2

Honorable Scott K. Saiki  
Speaker, House of Representatives  
Thirty-Second State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2024  
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs, to which was referred H.B. No. 2722, H.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO YOUTH FEES AND FINES,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Prohibit the assessment of any fees, fines, or court costs against a person who is adjudicated for an offense committed while the person was a minor under the age of eighteen or against the person's parent or guardian;
- (2) Limit court-ordered community service for a minor to no more than seventy-two hours; and
- (3) Repeal the statewide curfew for minors.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Office of the Public Defender; American Civil Liberties Union of Hawai'i; Policy Advocacy Clinic at Berkeley Law; Hawai'i Friends of Restorative Justice; and CARES. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Judiciary.

Your Committee finds that the imposition of fees, fines, and costs on young people and their families can have wide-ranging

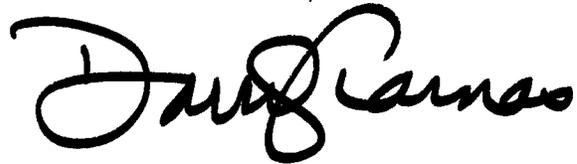


consequences, none of which serves the purposes of rehabilitating, deterring, or punishing delinquent youth. Your Committee further finds that these monetary assessments have a disproportionate impact on families of color and can even lead to recidivism and escalating crime. This measure would follow the lead of other states by eliminating the economic burden of monetary assessments for Hawaii's youth and families.

Your Committee has amended this measure by 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. 2722, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it be referred to your Committee on Finance in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2722, H.D. 2.

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



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DAVID A. TARNAS, Chair



