

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

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Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 14 , 2025

RE: H.B. No. 990
H.D. 1

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

Madame:

Your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs, to which was referred H.B. No. 990 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT MAKING APPROPRIATIONS FOR CLAIMS AGAINST THE STATE, ITS OFFICERS, OR ITS EMPLOYEES,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to satisfy several claims against the State, its officers, or its employees.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Transportation; Department of the Attorney General; and Department of Budget and Finance.

Your Committee finds that the Department of the Attorney General testified that it has advised its client agencies on how to avoid claims such as those included in this measure.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

(1) Appropriating:

(A) \$111,733.08 in general funds for a claim by Mark Lloyd;

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- (B) \$152,665.39 in general funds for a claim by Maui Kupono Builders, LLC;
 - (C) \$28,500 in general funds for a settlement in the case of Billy Peter v. Anne E. Lopez;
 - (D) \$275,000 in general funds for a settlement in the case of James Sean Shields v. State of Hawaii;
 - (E) \$330,000 in general funds for a settlement in the case of B.R., M.A., and F.R. v. State of Hawaii;
 - (F) \$100,000 in general funds for a settlement in the case of Child Evangelism Fellowship of Hawaii, Inc. v. Hawaii State Department of Education;
 - (G) \$1,750,000 in general funds for a settlement in the case of Brenda Persinger, Individually and as a Personal Representative of the Estate of Michael Ambrose, Deceased v. State of Hawaii, Department of Education;
 - (H) \$75,000 in general funds for a settlement in the case of Jake Ferreira v. State of Hawaii, Department of Education; and
 - (I) \$750,000 in general funds for a settlement in the case of Cresencia Espejo v. State of Hawaii;
- (2) Inserting expenditure ceiling language;
 - (3) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
 - (4) 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. 990, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 990, 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,



DAVID A. TARNAS, Chair



