

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 852

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 28 2025

RE: S.B. No. 121

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

Sir:

Your Committee on Ways and Means, to which was referred S.B. No. 121 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE VI, SECTION 3, OF THE HAWAII STATE CONSTITUTION TO ALLOW THE SENATE MORE TIME TO CONFIRM JUDICIAL APPOINTMENTS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is propose an amendment to Article VI, section 3, of the Hawaii State Constitution to grant the Senate sixty days to act on any judicial appointment made between April 1 and December 31 of any calendar year.

Your Committee received written comments on this measure from the Judiciary.

Your Committee recognizes that Article VI, section 3, of the Hawaii State Constitution currently grants the Senate thirty days to act on a judicial appointment. Your Committee finds that although this deadline may be reasonable when the Legislature is in Regular Session, judicial appointments are made throughout the calendar year, which require the Senate to incur costs for Special Sessions to conduct hearings and floor sessions on those appointments. Your Committee believes that granting the Senate an extended consideration period during certain times of the year, as proposed by this measure, is appropriate.



As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Ways and Means that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 121 and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Ways and Means,


DONOVAN M. DELA CRUZ, Chair



The Senate
Thirty-Third Legislature
State of Hawai'i

Record of Votes
Committee on Ways and Means
WAM

Bill / Resolution No.:* SB121	Committee Referral: JDC, WAM	Date: 2-26-2025							
<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					
DELA CRUZ, Donovan M. (C)	X								
MORIWAKI, Sharon Y. (VC)	X								
AQUINO, Henry J.C.	X								
DECOITE, Lynn	X								
ELEFANTE, Brandon J.C.	X								
HASHIMOTO, Troy N.	X								
INOUE, Lorraine R.	X								
KANUHA, Dru Mamo	X								
KIDANI, Michelle N.	X								
KIM, Donna Mercado	X								
LEE, Chris	X								
WAKAI, Glenn	X								
FEVELLA, Kurt	X								
TOTAL	13	0	0	0					
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted									
Chair's or Designee's Signature:									
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