

LATE TESTIMONY

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TO: Senator Clayton Hee, Committee Chair

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RE: S.B. 946 Support Intent of Bill

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Aloha and good morning. It would be in the interests of justice that funds be contributed to the Judiciary for disbursement to legal service providers. The work done collectively by our community's organizations increasing access to justice is crucial.

The particular mechanism proposed in S.B. 946 may not be a workable approach. The ability of the Judiciary to develop procedures and institute a Fund for this purpose may not be feasible and there does not appear to be direction as to how the funds would be disbursed.

We appreciate the opportunity to enter into discussion about innovations for the support of our legal services programs. But reserve complete support on this Bill.



