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Honolulu, Hawaii

March 6

RE: H.B. No. 549

H.D. 1

Honorable Joseph M. Souki Speaker, House of Representatives Twenty-Eighth State Legislature Regular Session of 2015 State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Finance, to which was referred H.B. No. 549, H.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC SERVICE LEGAL LOAN REPAYMENT ASSISTANCE,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to assist law school graduates who work in public service law by establishing and funding a Public Service Legal Loan Repayment Assistance Program that will give student loan repayment assistance to licensed lawyers who provide direct legal assistance to indigent persons through a nonprofit organization.

The Hawaii Justice Foundation and two individuals supported this measure. The Department of Budget and Finance, University of Hawaii, Hawaii Access to Justice Commission, and SCR 116 Task Force commented on this measure.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 549, H.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

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Respectfully submitted on behalf of the members of the Committee on Finance,



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Record of Votes of the Committee on Finance

Bill/Resolution No.:	Committee Referral:		Date:	
HB 549, HD1	HED, FIN		3/3/15	
☐ The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.				
The recommendation is to: Pass, unamended (as is) Pass, with amendments (HD) Hold Pass short form bill with HD to recommit for future public hearing (recommit)				
FIN Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. LUKE, Sylvia (C)				
2. NISHIMOTO, Scott Y. (VC)				
3. CACHOLA, Romy M.				
4. CULLEN, Ty J.K.				
5. DECOITE, Lynn				
6. JOHANSON, Aaron Ling				
7. JORDAN, Jo				-
8. KEOHOKALOLE, Jarrett				
9. KOBAYASHI, Bertrand				
10. LOWEN, Nicole E.				
11. ONISHI, Richard H.K.				
12. TOKIOKA, James Kunane				
13. YAMASHITA, Kyle T.				
14. POUHA, Feki				
15. WARD, Gene	/			
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TOTAL (15)	15			
The recommendation is: Adopted				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature:				
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