STAND. COM. REP. NO. 514

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 1 7 2017

RE: S.B. No. 872 S.D. 1

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi President of the Senate Twenty-Ninth State Legislature Regular Session of 2017 State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Judiciary and Labor, to which was referred S.B. No. 872 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO ETHICS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to allow the State Ethics Commission to employ or retain its own attorneys.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the State Ethics Commission and Democratic Party of Hawai'i.

Your Committee finds that existing law prohibits any state agency from hiring attorneys, except for the agencies specified under section 28-8.3(a), Hawaii Revised Statutes. This measure adds the State Ethics Commission as one of those agencies that are exempt to allow the Commission to hire and retain attorneys other than deputy attorneys general for legal representation, counsel, or drafting services.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Deleting section 1 and renumbering the remaining sections accordingly; and
- (2) Inserting an effective date of January 7, 2059, to encourage further discussion.



As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Judiciary and Labor that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 872, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 872, S.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Ways and Means.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the members of the Committee on Judiciary and Labor,

GILBERT S.C. KEITH-AGRAM, Chair

## The Senate Twenty-Ninth Legislature State of Hawaiʻi

## Record of Votes Committee on Judiciary and Labor JDL

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SB 812	JDL,	WAM		2/13/17	7
The Committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure.  If so, then the previous decision was to:					
The Recommendation is:					
Pass, unamended Pass, with amendments Hold Recommit 2312 2311 2310 2313					
Members		Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
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RHOADS, Karl (VC)		<i>'</i>			
GABBARD, Mike			-		
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THIELEN, Laura H.					
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Recommendation:  Adopted  Not Adopted					
Chair's or Designee's Signature:					
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