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Before the Senate Committee on Ways and Means May 13, 2020, 10:25 p.m., Auditorium

House Bill 117, Proposed SD 1: Relating to State Funds

Chair Dela Cruz, Vice Chair Keith-Agaran, and committee members:

On behalf of Governor David Ige, thank you for the opportunity to provide comments on House Bill 117, Proposed SD1. This proposal defers the second phase of the salary increases for the executive branches that was based on the state commission on salaries recommendations. During this time of economic uncertainty, it is necessary to take this action.

Again, we strongly support this legislation. We are available to answer any questions that you may have. Thank you for your consideration.





The Judiciary, State of Hawai'i

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The Honorable Donovan M. Dela Cruz, Chair The Honorable Gilbert S.C. Keith-Agaran, Vice Chair

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Bill No. and Title: House Bill No. 117, Proposed S.D. 1, Relating to State Funds.

Purpose: Defers further implementation of the executive and judicial branch salary increases that are scheduled for July 1, 2020, as well as planned raises for members of the legislature on January 1, 2021.

Judiciary's Position:

In recognition of the extraordinary fiscal challenges created by COVID-19, the Judiciary supports the intent of House Bill No. 117, Proposed S.D. 1, which is to defer the salary adjustments recommended by the Commission on Salaries in its Report to the 2019 Legislature, for a period of one year, from July 1, 2020, to June 30, 2021.

We would also note that there appears to be a typographical error on Line 3 of Page 5, and the date should read "January 1, 2021" instead of *January 1, 2022*.

Thank you for the opportunity to present testimony on this measure.