STAND. COM. REP. NO. 1745 -22

Honolulu, Hawaii

APR 07 , 2022

RE: H.R. No. 184

Honorable Scott K. Saiki Speaker, House of Representatives Thirty-First State Legislature Regular Session of 2022 State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Finance, to which was referred H.R. No. 184 entitled:

"HOUSE RESOLUTION URGING THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS TO PROVIDE ADEQUATE FUNDING FOR IMMIGRATION SERVICES AND REQUESTING DATA ON THE EFFECT OF CASE BACKLOGS AND THE LACK OF FREE OR LOW-COST LEGAL REPRESENTATION ON IMMIGRATION CASES FILED IN HAWAII,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to urge the United States Congress to provide adequate funding for immigration services, including moneys for additional United States Citizenship and Immigration Services staff to process case backlogs and moneys for free or low-cost court-appointed legal counsel for low-income immigrants, including low-income immigrants in Hawaii. Also requested is the provision of data to the Legislature on the effect of existing case backlogs and the lack of free or low-cost legal representation on immigration cases filed in Hawaii, including the cases' average processing times and outcomes and the applicants' nationalities and access to legal representation.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of H.R. No. 184 and recommends its adoption.

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

SYLVIA LUKE, Chair

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## **Record of Votes of the Committee on Finance**

Bill/Resolution No.: HR 184	Committee Referral:	N Date:	4-5-22	<u> </u>
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)				1
2. YAMASHITA, Kyle T. (VC)				
3. BRANCO, Patrick Pihana				
4. ELI, Stacelynn K.M.				
5. HOLT, Daniel				
6. ILAGAN, Greggor			_	
7. KOBAYASHI, Bertrand				
8. MARTEN, Lisa				
9. NISHIMOTO, Scott Y.				
10. PERRUSO, Amy A.				
11. SAYAMA, Jackson D.				
12. TAM, Adrian K.				
13. TODD, Chris				
14. WILDBERGER, Tina				
15. McDERMOTT, Bob				
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TOTAL (15)	12	- 0	<del>0</del>	_3
The recommendation is:  Adopted  If joint referral, did not support recommendation.  committee acronym(s)				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature:				
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