

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 1258-22

Honolulu, Hawaii  
MAR 23, 2022

RE: S.B. No. 2458  
S.D. 2  
H.D. 1

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

Sir:

Your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs, to which was referred S.B. No. 2458, S.D. 2, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO LEGAL SERVICES FOR LOW-INCOME IMMIGRANTS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to appropriate funds to the Judiciary to contract with nonprofit organizations to provide legal counsel and assistance to low-income immigrants in immigration proceedings and for any other legal issues pertaining to immigration.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Judiciary; Department of Human Services; Department of Labor and Industrial Relations, Office of Community Services; Catholic Charities Hawai'i; Hawai'i Friends of Civil Rights; Hawai'i Coalition for Immigrant Rights; Hawai'i Access to Justice Commission; The Legal Clinic; Pacific Gateway Center; and six individuals. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Budget and Finance.

Your Committee finds that many noncitizens lack the resources to obtain legal representation to help navigate the highly complex immigration court process, which may result in detainment or

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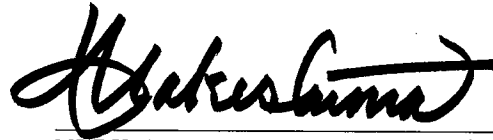
deportation. This measure will allow noncitizens to obtain vital legal counsel and assistance to ensure a more fair process.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Updating its purpose section; and
- (2) Changing certain references from "immigrant" to "noncitizen" to better describe the class of persons involved.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2458, S.D. 2, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2458, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Respectfully submitted on  
behalf of the members of the  
Committee on Judiciary &  
Hawaiian Affairs,

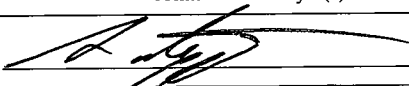


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MARK M. NAKASHIMA, Chair



Record of Votes of the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs

Bill/Resolution No.: SB2458, SD 2	Committee Referral: JHA, FIN	Date: 3-17-22		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.				
The recommendation is to: <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended (as is) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments (HD) <input type="checkbox"/> Hold <input type="checkbox"/> Pass short form bill with HD to recommit for future public hearing (recommit)				
JHA Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. NAKASHIMA, Mark M. (C)	✓			
2. MATAYOSHI, Scot Z. (VC)	✓			
3. ICHIYAMA, Linda	✓			
4. KOBAYASHI, Dale T.				✓
5. LoPRESTI, Matthew S.	✓			
6. LOWEN, Nicole E.				✓
7. McKELVEY, Angus L.K.	✓			
8. NAKAMURA, Nadine K.	✓			
9. TAKUMI, Roy M.	✓			
10. TOKIOKA, James Kunane				✓
11. WARD, Gene	✓			
TOTAL (11)	8	0	0	3
The recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted If joint referral, _____ did not support recommendation. _____ committee acronym(s)				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature: 				
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