STAND. COM. REP. NO. 2115

Honolulu, Hawaii

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S.B. No. 2607

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi President of the Senate Thirty-First State Legislature Regular Session of 2022 State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Hawaiian Affairs, to which was referred S.B. No. 2607 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO INDEPENDENT LEGAL COUNSEL,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to authorize the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands to retain independent counsel as needed, whose legal fees are to be paid for by the State.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands and two individuals. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from the Department of the Attorney General.

Your Committee finds that when the need arises, the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands should be able to employ or retain an attorney for the purposes of representing the State in litigation, rendering legal counsel to the department, or drafting legal documents. This measure will allow the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands to do so, and provides that all legal fees owed to independent counsel are to be paid by the State.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Hawaiian Affairs that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2607 and recommends that it pass Second Reading and be referred to your Committees on Judiciary and Ways and Means.

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

MAILE S.L. SHIMABUKURO, Chair

The Senate Thirty-First Legislature State of Hawai'i

Record of Votes Committee on Hawaiian Affairs HWN

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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 (W	R) Nay	Excused
SHIMABUKURO, Maile S.L. (C)		X			
KEOHOKALOLE, Jarrett (VC)		X			
ACASIO, Laura					
IHARA, Jr., Les					×
FEVELLA, Kurt				X	
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Recommendation: Adopted Not Adopted					
Chair's or Designee's Signature:					
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