



The Judiciary, State of Hawai'i

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2023 Regular Session**

House Committee on Judiciary and Hawaiian Affairs
Representative David A. Tarnas, Chair
Representative Gregg Takayama, Vice Chair

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WRITTEN TESTIMONY ONLY

Bill No. and Title: Senate Bill No. 1538, S.D. 2, Relating to the Judiciary.

Purpose: Makes appropriations to the Judiciary for capital improvement projects for the fiscal biennium beginning 7/1/2023, and ending 6/30/2025.

Judiciary's Position:

The Judiciary supports Senate Bill No. 1538, S.D. 2 that provides \$3,000,000 in general funds and \$12,730,000 in general obligation bond funds for capital improvement projects for the fiscal biennium beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2025.

However, we do have concerns regarding the decrease of \$495K from our request for \$5 million to upgrade and modernize the elevator systems at Ka'ahumanu Hale. The full \$5 million is needed to begin replacement of obsolete elevators. The systems continue to deteriorate creating dangerous conditions and severely impacting service levels. Repair parts become increasingly difficult to source requiring elevators to be taken out of service for extended periods. Code requirements impacting replacement and upgrades continue to become more complicated and construction costs related to these systems continue to escalate.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.

