

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 1556

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 24, 2023

RE: S.B. No. 299
S.D. 2
H.D. 1

Honorable Scott K. Saiki
Speaker, House of Representatives
Thirty-Second State Legislature
Regular Session of 2023
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Labor & Government Operations, to which was referred S.B. No. 299, S.D. 2, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO BUDGET-RELATED SUBMISSIONS TO THE LEGISLATURE,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Authorize the Legislature to specify the form in which the proposed budgets of the Executive Branch, Judicial Branch, and Office of Hawaiian Affairs are submitted to the Legislature; and
- (2) Require the Executive Branch, Judicial Branch, and Office of Hawaiian Affairs to conform to these requirements no later than December 1, 2023.

Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Budget and Finance.

Your Committee finds that the process of transcribing the proposed budgets of the Executive Branch, Judicial Branch, and Office of Hawaiian Affairs into a form that is presentable to the public is time-consuming and onerous for legislative staff and may

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result in errors that belie budgetary intentions. Your Committee further finds that receiving the budgets in a prescribed form will ease this burden and allow the time typically spent on such transcription tasks to be better spent analyzing and contextualizing budgetary requests.

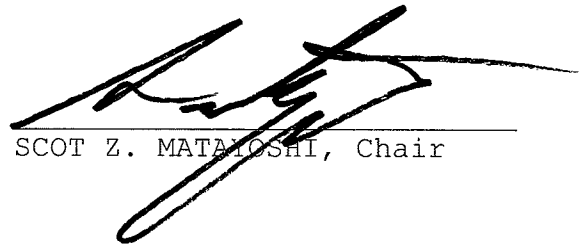
Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Clarifying that the forms shall be prescribed upon the agreement of form by the Speaker of the House of Representatives and the President of the Senate;
- (2) Changing the effective date to June 30, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (3) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

Your Committee respectfully requests your Committee on Finance, should it deliberate on this measure, to consider the appropriate timing of when the form of proposed budgets shall be agreed upon by the Speaker of the House of Representatives and President of the Senate and submitted to the Department of Budget of Finance.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Labor & Government Operations that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 299, S.D. 2, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 299, 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 Labor & Government
Operations,



SCOT Z. MATAYOSHI, Chair



