Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: H.B. No. 2509

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Honorable Scott K. Saiki Speaker, House of Representatives Thirty-Second State Legislature Regular Session of 2024 State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs, to which was referred H.B. No. 2509 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE VI, SECTION 3 OF THE HAWAII STATE CONSTITUTION TO INCREASE THE MANDATORY RETIREMENT AGE FOR STATE JUSTICES AND JUDGES,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to propose a constitutional amendment to raise the mandatory retirement age for state justices and judges from seventy years to seventy-five years.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Judiciary; Community Alliance on Prisons; and one individual.

Your Committee finds that many judges and justices are forced to retire from the bench at the age of seventy years old pursuant to the Hawaii State Constitution. Your Committee believes that judges and justices who are willing and able to preside over cases into their mid-seventies should be allowed to hold their office.

Your Committee has amended this measure by changing its effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion.

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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 H.B. No. 2509, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2509, 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,

James Camas

DAVID A. TARNAS, Chair



Record of Votes of the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs

Bill/Resolution No.: Committee HB2509 TH	Referral:	Date	2/13/2	.4
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)				
JHA Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. TARNAS, David A. (C)	×			
2. TAKAYAMA, Gregg (VC)				$\mathbf{X}_{\mathbf{u}}$
3. EVSLIN, Luke A.	X			A TANK
4. GANADEN, Sonny			X	
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5. HOLT, Daniel				185 July 1950
6. ICHIYAMA, Linda	<u> </u>			
7. ILAGAN, Greggor	X			
8. KONG, Sam Satoru	X	* AND IN THE RESERVE TO THE RESERVE	# 18 14 15 T	
9. MIYAKE, Tyson K.				
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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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