STAND. COM. REP. NO. 1705 -24

Honolulu, Hawaii

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S.B. No. 2319 RE:

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 S.B. No. 2319 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; Office of the Public Defender; Community Alliance on Prisons; Stonewall Caucus of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i; and three individuals.

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 continue serving the public in these important positions.

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

2024-2567 SB2319 HSCR HMSO S.B. No. 2319 and recommends that it pass Second Reading 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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DAVID A. TARNAS, Chair

State of Hawaii House of Representatives The Thirty-second Legislature

Record of Votes of the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs

	Committee Referral: 3 - 20 · 24			
☐ 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)				
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2. TAKAYAMA, Gregg (VC)				CONTRACTOR OF STREET
3. EVSLIN, Luke A.				
4. GANADEN, Sonny				
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6. ICHIYAMA, Linda				
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8. KONG, Sam Satoru				
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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