

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

907

Honolulu, Hawaii

**MAR 03 2023**

RE: S.B. No. 35

S.D. 2

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi  
President of the Senate  
Thirty-Second State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2023  
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Ways and Means, to which was referred S.B. No. 35, S.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO CIVIL LEGAL SERVICES,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to expand access to civil legal services in the State.

More specifically, the measure appropriates funds to the Judiciary to purchase civil legal services for low- and moderate-income persons.

Your Committee received written comments in support of this measure from the Department of Human Services, Hawaii Friends of Civil Rights, The Legal Clinic, Hawaii Coalition for Immigrant Rights, Volunteer Legal Services Hawaii, Legal Aid Society of Hawaii, Hawaii Access to Justice Commission, and two individuals.

Your Committee finds that this measure's appropriation will support nonprofit and volunteer organizations that provide quality legal services to low- and moderate-income persons who require these services but cannot afford to pay for them.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:



- (1) Changing the appropriation from \$1,200,000 to an unspecified amount; and
- (2) Changing the effective date to July 1, 2050, to facilitate further discussion on the measure.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Ways and Means that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 35, S.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 35, S.D. 2.

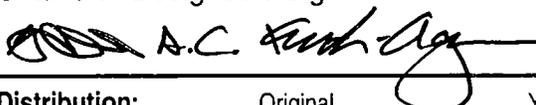
Respectfully submitted on  
behalf of the members of the  
Committee on Ways and Means,

  
DONOVAN M. DELA CRUZ, Chair



The Senate  
 Thirty-Second Legislature  
 State of Hawai'i

**Record of Votes**  
**Committee on Ways and Means**  
**WAM**

Bill / Resolution No.:* <b>SB 35 SD1</b>	Committee Referral: <b>JDC, WAM</b>	Date: <b>3/1/23</b>		
<input type="checkbox"/> The Committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure. If so, then the previous decision was to: _____				
The Recommendation is: <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311 <input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310 <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
DELA CRUZ, Donovan M. (C)	X			
KEITH-AGARAN, Gilbert S.C. (VC)	X			
AQUINO, Henry J.C.	X			
DECOITE, Lynn	X			
INOUYE, Lorraine R.	X			
KANUHA, Dru Mamo	X			
KIDANI, Michelle N.	X			
KIM, Donna Mercado	X			
LEE, Chris	X			
MORIWAKI, Sharon Y.	X			
SHIMABUKURO, Maile S.L.	X			
WAKAI, Glenn	X			
FEVELLA, Kurt	X			
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>13</b>			
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: 				
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