STAND. COM. REP. NO. 942 -24

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 01 , 2024

RE: H.B. No. 1608 H.D. 2

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

## Sir:

Your Committee on Finance, to which was referred H.B. No. 1608, H.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC DEFENDER,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to appropriate funds for four deputy public defender positions within the Office of the Public Defender and require that one of the positions be assigned to the family court section.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the American Civil Liberties Union of Hawai'i. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Office of the Public Defender.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing the full-time equivalent positions to an unspecified number; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1608, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1608, H.D. 2.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the members of the Committee on Finance,

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KYLE T. YAMASHITA, Chair

## State of Hawaii House of Representatives The Thirty-second Legislature

## **Record of Votes of the Committee on Finance**

Bill/Resolution No.: HB1668 HD1	Committee Referral: THA, FIN		Date: 02   22   2024		
☐ 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)					
FIN Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused	
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5. COCHRAN, Elle					
<ul><li>6. GARRETT, Andrew Takuya</li><li>7. KAHALQA, Kirstin</li></ul>			ing the second		
8. KILA, Darius K.					
9. KOBAYASHI, Bertrand			orton de l'April.		
<ul><li>10. LAMOSAO, Rachele F.</li><li>11. MORIKAWA, Dee</li></ul>					
12. NISHIMOTO, Scott Y.				<u> </u>	
13. POEPOE, Mahina					
14. TAKENOUCHI, Jenna			Silicia de Caración de Servicio	743. P. Santage Co. 11 5 5 1 1 1	
15. ALCOS III, David 16. WARD, Gene				Services (States)	
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TOTAL (16)	13	0		3	
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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