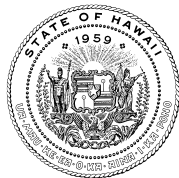


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Testimony of
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TO THE

SENATE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS
Tuesday, April 1, 2026

HOUSE BILL NO. 2095 HOUSE DRAFT 2 SENATE DRAFT 1
RELATING TO THE JUDICIARY

Chair Dela Cruz, Vice Chair Moriwaki, and members of the committee, thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony on H.B. 2095, HD2, SD1.

The Office of Enterprise Technology Services (ETS) is in **SUPPORT** of the Judiciary's request to add two (2) new security positions. These new positions align with ETS initiatives and priorities in strengthening the State's security posture overall.

The Judiciary is currently using the state's Next Generation Network (NGN) telecommunications network which is maintained and supported by ETS. ETS provides specific tools and protection at the network level that the Judiciary leverages. However, additional specific security layers from the Judiciary are still necessary for comprehensive cyber security coverage, supported by close collaboration between ETS and Judiciary to not waste time on duplicative security measures. An Information Security Architect will collaborate with ETS and map the necessary layers of protection specific to the Judiciary and focus resources on initiatives with the most meaningful impact.

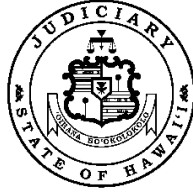
In addition to the Information Security Architect, a dedicated Identity Architect will support the Judiciary with a zero-trust enablement. When an organization such as the Judiciary maintains a large set of systems, ensuring consistency and good identity management governance is often overshadowed by operational needs that can over time create large gaps in security.

The Judiciary would benefit by having a dedicated specialist that would own the identity management view and support the goal of zero-trust and identity lifecycle governance.

The Judiciary already collaborates with ETS on specific initiatives to leverage shared

technologies such as advanced endpoint protection and myHawaii. Greater collaboration would benefit the State with cost savings as it facilitates economy of scale in addition to shared expertise in specific technology that would ultimately provide faster response in a cybersecurity incident situation.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony on this measure.



The Judiciary, State of Hawai‘i
Ka ‘Oihana Ho‘okolokolo, Moku‘āina ‘o Hawai‘i

Testimony to the Thirty-Third Legislature, 2026 Regular Session

Senate Committee on Ways and Means
Senator Donovan M. Dela Cruz, Chair
Senator Sharon Y. Moriwaki, Vice Chair

Wednesday, April 1, 2026 @ 10:01 a.m.
State Capitol, Conference Room 211

by
Robert D. S. Kim
Chief Court Administrator
Third Circuit Court

Bill No. and Title: House Bill No. 2095, H.D. 2, S.D. 1, Relating to the Judiciary.

Purpose: The purpose of this measure is to appropriate supplemental funds for the Judiciary through the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027.

Third Circuit's Position:

On behalf of the Third Circuit, I am writing to respectfully request your support for House Bill No. 2095, H.D. 2, S.D. 1. This bill includes a Capital Improvement Project Request (“CIP”) for construction funds for a new South Kohala district court facility in the Third Circuit. This CIP request was made in accordance with House Concurrent Resolution No. 88, Regular Session of 2023, which directed the Judiciary to prepare a master development plan and submit a CIP for an upgraded South Kohala District Court. This CIP will address critical deficiencies in the existing courthouse, meet the current and future needs of the North Hawai‘i community, and ensure that the Judiciary is able to carry out its mission to deliver justice in an efficient and accessible manner.

The current South Kohala District Court building was constructed in 1982. At this time, there were fewer than 8,000 residents in the North and South Kohala Districts. According to 2020 census data, these districts now have a combined population exceeding 26,000—a 230% increase over 40 years. This population growth has driven a significant rise in case volume, with the court now handling between 9,000 and 10,000 cases annually.



Despite this heavy caseload, the current courthouse is only 3,000 square feet, with one courtroom, minimal office space, and no meeting rooms or waiting areas (see photos attached). Its size and design are severely inadequate, and often up to 50 individuals are forced to wait for their court hearings in their vehicles or outside in uncovered areas, exposed to the elements. The facility is also not compliant with modern ADA requirements, leading to hardships for disabled individuals—particularly with respect to restroom access.

Security is also a paramount concern. The existing facility lacks separate entrances for judges and staff, and it does not have separate waiting areas for opposing parties in sensitive cases, such as temporary restraining orders (“TROs”). This creates the potential for dangerous interactions. Additionally, because there are no holding areas in the courthouse, in-custody defendants must remain in the jail van until their case is called, forcing defense attorneys to meet with their clients in the van with other inmates present. This situation is dangerous and deprives defendants of the opportunity to consult privately with their attorneys.

The design of the new South Kohala District Court facility will comprehensively address the many deficiencies of the existing courthouse. It will feature expanded office space, secure holding areas, separate waiting areas for opposing parties, and ADA-compliant restrooms. Client services, which are currently located off-site, will be integrated into the facility, and modern infrastructure and energy-efficient systems will ensure sustainable operations. Because the site selected for the new courthouse is a currently vacant area of the state-owned Waimea Civic Center Property (where the existing courthouse is located), the existing courthouse will be able to remain operational throughout the construction phase, ensuring uninterrupted services and avoiding the additional costs and time that would be associated with site selection and land acquisition.

I respectfully ask for your consideration and support in approving H.B. 2095, H.D. 2, S.D.1, which includes this critical CIP request for the Third Circuit. The construction funds being sought will ensure that construction can commence without delay once the ongoing design phase has concluded. Thank you for your commitment to strengthening our judicial system and for the opportunity to offer testimony on this important CIP request.

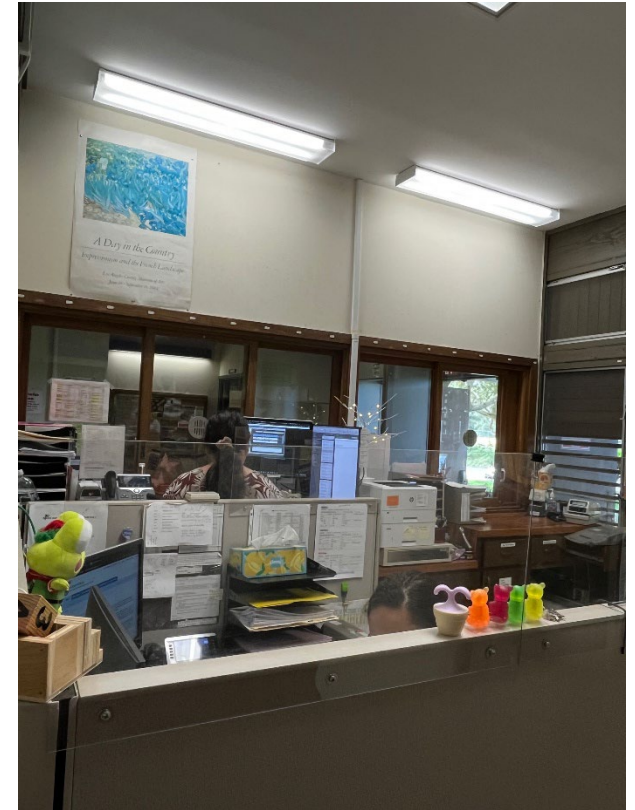
South Kohala District Court Photos



Left: Depicts the only waiting area for the public, which is located outside. Individuals who cannot fit on the covered lanai must wait in uncovered areas or in their vehicles.

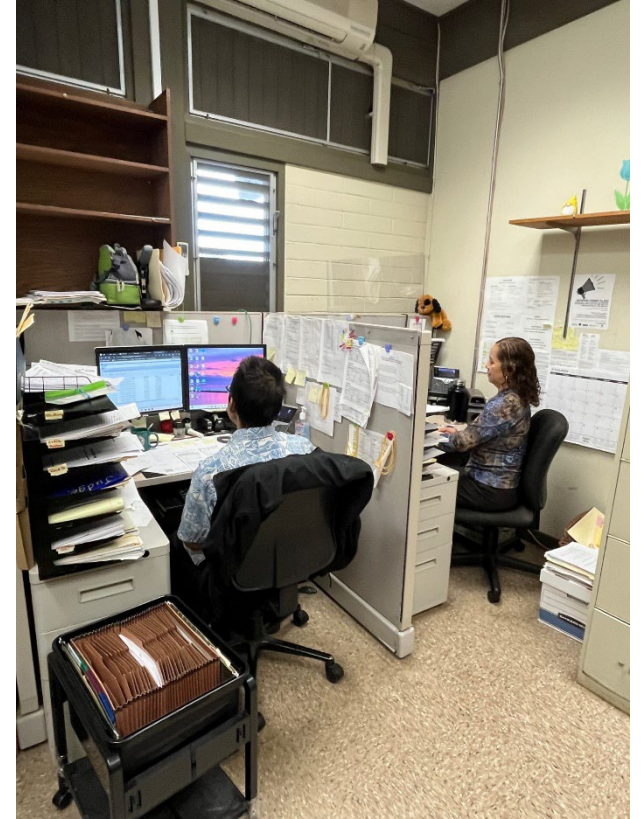
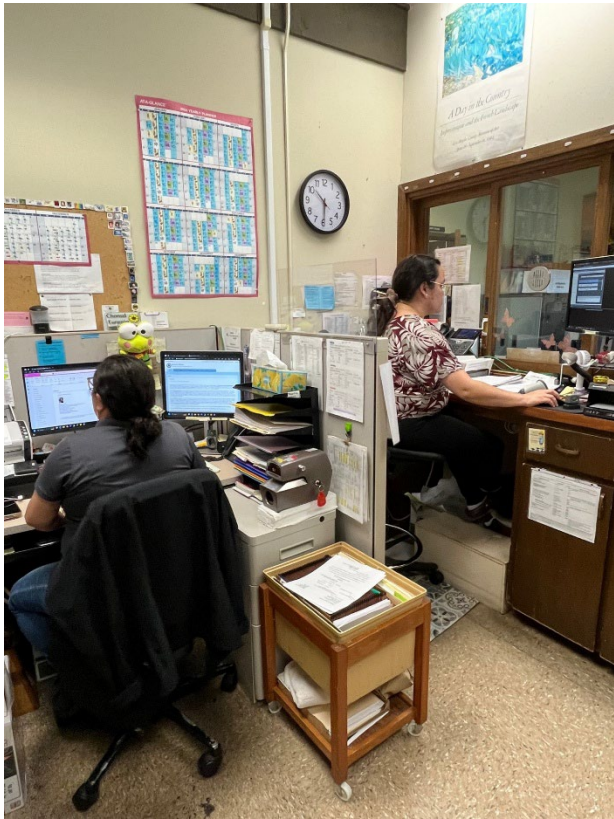


Center: Shows the foyer just past security. The clerk's window is on the left, the restroom entrance is to the right, and the courtroom door is in the center of the photo.



Right: View of the foyer through the clerk's window.

South Kohala District Court Photos

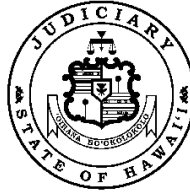


Photos: Depicting cramped staff working areas in current facility.

South Kohala District Court Photos



Photos: Showing the inadequate multipurpose room that currently serves as the employee breakroom, copy and workroom, IT and server room, and storage.



The Judiciary, State of Hawai‘i
Ka ‘Oihana Ho‘okolokolo, Moku‘āina ‘o Hawai‘i

**Testimony to the Thirty-Third State Legislature
2026 Regular Session**

Senate Committee on Ways and Means
Senator Donovan M. Dela Cruz, Chair
Senator Sharon Y. Moriwaki, Vice Chair

Wednesday, April 1, 2026, 10:01 a.m.
State Capitol, Conference Room 211 and Videoconference

by:

Brandon M. Kimura
Administrative Director of the Courts

Bill No. and Title: House Bill No. 2095, H.D. 2, S.D. 1, Relating to the Judiciary.

Purpose: Appropriates supplemental moneys for the Judiciary for the fiscal biennium beginning 7/1/2025 and ending 6/30/2027.

Judiciary’s Position:

The Judiciary strongly urges your support of House Bill No. 2095, H.D. 2, S.D. 1, which reflects the Judiciary’s supplemental resource requirements for Fiscal Biennium 2025–2027. We acknowledge the economic uncertainty currently facing the State and have carefully considered this context. We respectfully make the following supplemental requests with this in mind, along with the circumstances that underlie each request.

In total, the Judiciary requests for FY 2027 an increase of \$6.4M in operating funds and 4.0 permanent full-time equivalent (FTE) positions, and—due to the requested conversion of positions—a reduction of 3.0 temporary FTE and 1.0 FTE (Special Fund) positions. The Judiciary also initially requested for FY 2027 a total of \$55.4M in bond funds for capital improvement projects. House Draft 2 and the current Senate Draft 1 provide \$45.4M in bond funds, to which the Judiciary is agreeable.



Operating Requests:

Operating requests include critical physical and cybersecurity resources in consideration of recent security related events nationwide and locally, funding to sustain critical services to court-users, and funding and position conversions for critical personnel. This testimony provides key details for each request.

Critical Security Resources

Supplemental Armed Private Security – The Judiciary requests \$3,250,000 to contract for private, armed security professionals to enhance perimeter security at Judiciary facilities statewide, to supplement the protective services of the Department of Law Enforcement (DLE). Despite best efforts, DLE has consistently struggled to staff “patrol” positions at the public entrances and key fixed locations within Judiciary facilities, usually due to vacant positions and sometimes due to leave, training, or the performance of duties outside courthouses or to support courthouse cellblocks. We make this to enhance the safety of all who enter Judiciary facilities. This includes many whose in-person presence is mandated and where hearings are sometimes contentious, even while we have shifted to remote venues for many hearings or appointments with litigants and clients. Individuals who enter Judiciary facilities are often experiencing among the most difficult period of their lives, while judges and probation officers make decisions that will in many instances change lives going forward. The Judiciary has contracted with private, unarmed security professionals to assist in screening those entering Judiciary facilities, but these individuals provide distinct services and this approach does not address the modern security needs at courthouses.

Cybersecurity – The Judiciary has two requests pertaining to cybersecurity. We request \$188,880 to restore funding for an Information Security Architect and to transfer a position count from the Computer System Special Fund to ITSD general funds for an Identity Architect. These positions are critical to strengthening the Judiciary’s cybersecurity program as courts nationwide face increasingly sophisticated cyber threats. Recent ransomware and malware incidents affecting state and federal court systems—including in Texas, Alaska, Kansas, California, and the federal courts—underscore the growing risk to judicial operations. Currently, fragmented security tools and processes across IT divisions can create gaps in coverage, including delays in deactivating user accounts after employee separations, vulnerabilities that cybercriminals routinely exploit.

The Information Security Architect and Identity Architect will address these enterprise-level cybersecurity gaps by establishing a centralized security architecture and strengthening identity and access management. Together, these complementary roles will improve system oversight, enhance onboarding and offboarding controls, and ensure that new technologies are securely integrated into the Judiciary’s IT environment from inception.

For these cybersecurity requests, rather than a simple request to add general-funded positions (and accompanying funding) that would increase the overall total number of positions, the Judiciary seeks a transfer (and general funds for) an existing vacant (special funded) position and restoration of funding for a previously defunded (general funded) position.



Critical Services to Court Users

Purchase of Service (POS) Contracts (First Circuit, O‘ahu) – The Judiciary requests funds to restore First Circuit’s POS contract appropriations that were reduced by \$574,716 early in the pandemic. The Judiciary requests the restoration of funds for Purchase of Services (POS) contracts that provide substance abuse treatment services. These programs are critical to helping offenders overcome addiction, reduce criminal activity, and lower recidivism. Effectively treating addiction and mental illness significantly reduces reoffending and promotes long-term rehabilitation. Currently, the First Circuit Court’s Adult Client Services Branch (ACSB) supervises approximately 5,250 adult offenders, the majority of whom require substance abuse treatment. In 2024, 2,539 ACSB clients were referred for treatment, increasing to 2,848 referrals in FY 2025. As with other chronic diseases, early intervention leads to better results; immediate access to treatment is essential to recovery and relapse prevention. Delays in access can result in lost opportunities for recovery. The COVID-19 pandemic significantly impacted community supervision and treatment services. To ensure health and safety, face-to-face meetings and drug testing were suspended, resulting in fewer referrals and admissions to Judiciary-contracted treatment providers. The pandemic also placed considerable strain on these providers, as budget reductions resulted in decreased service capacity, staffing shortages, and limited admissions. Restoring funding for contracted treatment programs will expand access to essential services, support individuals in achieving recovery, and promote safe communities through reduced recidivism and sustained behavioral change.

Office of the Public Guardian – The Judiciary requests restored funding of \$33,162 for a part-time Social Worker IV in Kaua‘i’s Office of the Public Guardian (OPG) program. OPG serves as court-appointed public guardian for incapacitated persons, safeguarding their rights, dignity, and quality of life. Referrals are primarily received from hospitals, long-term care facilities, Adult Protective Services, and the Department of Human Services. Upon appointment, OPG must address complex and individualized issues, including medical and mental health needs, financial and legal matters, benefits eligibility, family relationships, and end-of-life planning. Social Workers serving as guardians are responsible for investigations, crisis management, care planning, and ongoing oversight to ensure appropriate services and protections are in place.

The Social Worker IV position serves as the intake worker for those residing in Kaua‘i County and is essential for conducting assessments, responding to emergencies, consenting to services, and maintaining direct oversight of wards. Currently, Kaua‘i cases are managed by O‘ahu-based guardians, limiting the ability to conduct in-person visits and build the relationships necessary for effective guardianship. While technology allows for some contact, it is not an adequate substitute for face-to-face interaction, particularly for cognitively impaired individuals.

Senate Draft 1 added a proviso (page 4, lines 2 through 8) that an undetermined amount shall be expended “to increase the contract price under existing contracts for services provided by community-based organizations in support of fulfilling the judiciary’s statutory mandate to individuals, families, and communities.” The Judiciary supports the intent of this proviso, while



respectfully requesting that any additional funds for this purpose not supplant the Judiciary's existing budget nor requested priorities for general funds.

Critical Staffing Resources

Commission on Salaries – The Judiciary statewide requests \$2,298,779 for FY 2027 for the requisite increases pursuant to the 2025 Commission on Salaries. The 2025 Legislature approved funding at the level required for FY26. Additional funds are required for FY27.

Court Operations Specialist (Third Circuit, Kona) – The Judiciary requests conversion of 1.0 FTE position from temporary to permanent and restored funding to a redescribed and modern need—Court Operations Specialist III, in the Kona Fiscal Office for \$59,532 in FY2027. In 2020, the Legislature removed funding for positions from the Third Circuit due to the economic uncertainty that the State was facing due to the COVID-19 pandemic. One of the positions defunded was a temporary Clerk III in the Fiscal Office in Kona. Although the needs of the Court and the public have evolved since the pandemic, it remains essential to use existing resources efficiently and proactively. Interpreter requests have also increased, particularly in multilingual and rural communities across the Third Circuit. Redescribing the defunded Clerk position into a permanent Court Operations Specialist will help address growing fiscal demands amid ongoing staffing challenges, reduce the challenge of coordinating an increasing volume of interpreter services, and strengthen the Court's ability to respond to emerging needs throughout Third Circuit.

Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) (First Circuit, O'ahu) – The Judiciary requests a no-cost conversion of two (2) temporary Social Worker IV positions to permanent status for the CASA Program. CASA is staffed by eight (8) social workers, consisting of six (6) full-time permanent positions and two (2) full-time temporary positions. This staffing level is necessary to fulfill program functions and to maintain compliance with legal mandates and national certification standards required of Guardian ad Litem programs that utilize volunteer CASAs. A fully staffed program is essential to sustaining best practices and ensuring consistent, high-quality advocacy for highly vulnerable children—those placed in foster care. CASA social workers and volunteers conduct monthly, face-to-face contact with all children served. Each CASA social worker attends court hearings, school and treatment meetings, youth circles, and home visits, and submits a court report at every review hearing. Conversion of the 2 temporary positions to permanent status would substantially improve program stability and continuity of services. Permanent employment would provide greater job security, allowing the CASA Program to retain experienced and qualified staff.

Capital Improvement Requests:

Capital Improvement Project (CIP) requirements continue to remain a major item of concern as the Judiciary's infrastructure continues to age and deteriorate, and as the population served and services provided by the Judiciary continue to expand. We initially requested CIP bond funds totaling \$55.4 million for FY 2027 to address critical needs, nearly all of which relate to the health and safety of Judiciary employees, the public, and all who enter Judiciary facilities. House Draft 2 and the current Senate Draft 1 provide \$45.4M in bond funds, to which the Judiciary is agreeable.



As the highest priority Judiciary CIP request this year, the Judiciary initially requested \$30.0 million in construction funds for a new South Kohala District Court. The existing South Kohala District Court presents significant concerns related to safety, space, temperature control, and noise, and is inadequate to meet the court-related needs the community. House Draft 2 and Senate Draft 1 provide for \$20.0 million of this requested amount for an initial phase of construction, and the Judiciary is agreeable with this approach.

The Judiciary also requests \$1.2 million each to upgrade and replace aging A/C equipment at Pu‘uhonua Kaulike on Kaua‘i and Hale Kaulike on Hawai‘i Island. The current A/C chillers are nearing the end of their lifecycle, and current manufacturing challenges have resulted in extended lead times for replacement equipment. In addition, the Judiciary requests \$15.0 million to continue to upgrade and replace elevators at Ka‘ahumanu Hale, due to longstanding concerns for safety and reliability. Finally, the Judiciary requests \$8.0 million in lump sum bond funds to address both ongoing and emerging building issues statewide.

The Judiciary respectfully requests your support of House Bill No. 2095, H.D. 2, S.D. 1. Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.



CATHOLIC CHARITIES HAWAI'I

SUPPORT FOR HB 2095, HD2, SD1: RELATING TO THE JUDICIARY

TO: Senate Committee on Ways and Means
FROM: Betty Lou Larson, Legislative Liaison, Catholic Charities Hawai'i
Hearing: **Wednesday, 4/1/25; 10:01 AM; CR 211 & Videoconference**

Chair Dela Cruz, Vice Chair Moriwaki, and Members of the Committee on Ways and Means:

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in **strong support of HB 2095, HD2, SD1**, which provides supplemental funds for the Judiciary and a blank appropriation for service contracts with community-based-organizations.

Catholic Charities Hawai'i (CCH) is a tax-exempt community-based organization that has provided social services in Hawai'i for more than 78 years, now serving **over 40,000 individuals statewide each year**. We offer a broad range of programs supporting children, families, older adults, immigrants, and individuals experiencing homelessness. Our mission is to provide compassionate services and strong advocacy for Hawai'i's most vulnerable people, and we have a long-standing history of leadership in affordable housing, homelessness solutions, and child welfare.

We are also a proud member of the **Hawai'i True Cost Coalition**, a network of community-based organizations collectively serving more than **500,000 people across the state**. Our organizations work directly with Hawai'i's most vulnerable populations and partner closely with the Judiciary to deliver life-changing and often life-stabilizing services. However, organizations providing contracted services for the Judiciary have experienced dramatically rising operating costs, while contract funding has remained stagnant for years. The added pressures of recent crises—including the Maui wildfires—have pushed many organizations to the brink, threatening the continuity of critical community services.

We respectfully urge you to pass HB 2095, SD2 and provide:

- **\$547,716 to restore funding for purchase-of-service contracts in the First Circuit Court**, that support substance abuse disorder treatment for adult probationers on Oahu,
- **A significant appropriation for state contracts with community-based-organizations to increase funding to support critical health and human service programs in Hawai'i.**

With ongoing uncertainty surrounding federal funding streams, it is more important than ever that Hawai'i act decisively to sustain these essential programs. Funding the true cost for these programs would create stability and increase the resilience of our State to respond to the long-term health and human service needs of the people of Hawai'i.

Catholic Charities Hawai'i respectfully urges your strong support for this bill. Thank you for considering this important legislation. If you have any questions, please contact our Vice President of Mission, Shellie Niles, at (808) 527-4813.



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**TESTIMONY IN STRONG SUPPORT OF HB2095, HD2 SD1
RELATING TO THE JUDICIARY SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS ACT OF 2026**

Aloha Chair Delacruz, Vice Chair Moriwaki, and Members of the Committee on Ways and Means;

My name is **Venus Kau'iokawēkiu Rosete-Medeiros**, and I respectfully submit this testimony in **strong support of HB2095, HD2 SD1.**

I serve as the President and CEO of **Hale Kipa**, a community-based organization that for more than 55 years has partnered with the State to serve youth, families, and individuals who are deeply impacted by trauma, court involvement, and system involvement. Our work and the work of many community-based organizations across Hawai'i is essential to helping the Judiciary fulfill its statutory mandate to promote access to justice, accountability, and healing for our communities.

Community-based organizations are not ancillary to the justice system, we are a core part of it. We provide services that courts rely on every day: supervision, intervention, treatment, family support, stabilization, and prevention. Yet for far too long, the contracts that fund this work have failed to keep pace with the rising cost of doing business in Hawai'i.

Inflation has significantly increased the cost of labor, insurance, rent, utilities, and transportation. At the same time, many Judiciary purchase-of-service contracts have remained flat for years. This disconnect places community-based organizations in an unsustainable position, forcing us to absorb rising costs, struggle to retain qualified staff, and stretch already-limited resources to meet court-ordered and court-referred obligations.

HB2095 is an important and long-overdue step toward addressing this structural imbalance. By requiring inflationary protections in future contracts and appropriating funds to adjust existing contracts, this measure recognizes a fundamental truth: **the Judiciary's ability to deliver justice is directly tied to the stability of the community-based organizations that carry out this work.**

Without these protections, organizations face staff turnover, program instability, and the real risk of reducing or discontinuing services. When that happens, the impact ripples outward, cases are delayed, families lose support, and individuals who need intervention and guidance are left without meaningful options. This ultimately undermines the very outcomes the Judiciary seeks to achieve.

HB2095 reflects sound policy, fiscal responsibility, and respect for partnership. It acknowledges that contracts must be responsive to economic realities if we expect consistent, high-quality services and accountability. Most importantly, it helps ensure that justice in Hawai'i remains accessible, humane, and effective.

I respectfully urge you to pass HB2095, HD2 SD1 and affirm the State's commitment to sustaining the community-based organizations that are critical to our justice system and the well-being of our communities.

Mahalo nui loa for the opportunity to submit this testimony and for your thoughtful consideration.

Me ka ha'aha'a,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Venus Rosete-Medeiros". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "V" and a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Venus Kau'iokawēkiu Rosete-Medeiros
President & CEO, Hale Kipa

HB-2095-SD-1

Submitted on: 3/30/2026 1:20:44 PM

Testimony for WAM on 4/1/2026 10:01:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Amanda Pump	Testifying for Child and Family Service	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Child & Family Service Supports HB 2095 HD2 SD1 because it provides critical funding to the Hawai'i Judiciary, ensuring that family and child welfare cases are handled efficiently, fairly, and with the resources necessary to protect our most vulnerable keiki. By strengthening court operations and supporting community-based nonprofit partners, this bill helps reduce delays in family court proceedings, provides essential services to children and families, and empowers organizations that serve women and children. Adequate funding through this bill directly contributes to safer, more stable outcomes for children, promotes collaboration across community organizations, and reinforces Hawai'i's commitment to a child-centered, trauma-informed justice system. Supporting HB 2095 is an investment in families, in children's well-being, and in the long-term health of our communities.

At Child & Family Service, we serve over **16,000 families each year** and have a **direct impact on 117,000 people** across our state. Yet, our government contracts have seen less funding today than they did 10 years ago, even as community needs continue to grow. One clear example is our **Domestic Violence Intervention (DVI) contracts**, an imminent risk service that supports over **450 people annually**. This program has a **recidivism rate of just 12%**, compared to the national average of around 30%. By investing in programs that are proven to work, we can track measurable returns on investment. These contracts bring an **annual return of approximately \$1.5 million back to the State**, demonstrating that funding effective family programs is both fiscally responsible and impactful for our community.



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TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF HB 2095 HD2 SD1 RELATING TO THE JUDICIARY

TO: Chair Dela Cruz, Vice-Chair Moriwaki, & Members,
Senate Committee on Ways and Means
FROM: Trisha Kajimura, Vice-President of Strategy & External Affairs
DATE: April 1, 2026 at 10:01 AM

Parents and Children Together (PACT) supports HB 2095 HD2 SD1, which appropriates supplemental funds for the Judiciary budget in the current biennium.

Founded by residents of Kuhio Park Terrace in 1968, PACT is a statewide community-based organization providing a wide array of innovative and educational social services to families in need. Assisting more than 18,000 people across the state annually, we help identify, address, and successfully resolve challenges through our 20 programs. Among our services are early education programs, domestic violence prevention and intervention programs, child abuse prevention and intervention programs, childhood sexual abuse supportive group services, child and adolescent behavioral health programs, sex trafficking intervention, poverty prevention and community building programs.

PACT is contracted by the Judiciary to provide services related to domestic violence in three counties – Honolulu, Maui and Kaua’i. Through these contracts we help survivors and child witnesses cope through their trauma, heal from abuse, and rebuild safe and self-sufficient households. We also work with individuals who have committed crimes of domestic violence through classes and counseling. These services and the staff dedicated to providing them are specialized and essential to the safety and well-being of our community. PACT’s Judiciary contracts do not cover the true cost of providing these services, which is an ongoing challenge for the agency.

We submit this testimony as a member of the Hawai’i True Cost Coalition – over 70 community-based non-profit organizations fighting to sustain essential services for our communities. The Coalition supports the appropriation of \$574,716 to restore purchase-of-service contracts in the First Circuit Court that provide substance use disorder treatment for adults on probation on Oahu. These contracts were significantly reduced during the COVID-19 pandemic. This funding must be restored to continue services.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify. Please contact Trisha Kajimura at (808) 847-3285 or tkajimura@pacthawaii.org if you have any questions.



April 1, 2026

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Re: HB2095 HD2 SD1 Relating to the Judiciary

Dear Chair Dela Cruz, Vice Chair Moriwaki, and Members of the Senate Committee on Ways & Means:

The Hawai'i State Coalition Against Domestic Violence (HSCADV) mission is to unite Hawai'i to end all forms of domestic violence. We are a statewide partnership of domestic violence programs and shelters.

On behalf of HSCADV and our 20 member programs, I respectfully submit testimony in support of HB2095 HD2 SD1. This measure appropriates supplemental moneys for the Judiciary for the fiscal biennium beginning 7/1/2025 and ending 6/30/2027.

We support the \$574,716 appropriation within the Judiciary's budget to restore funding for purchase-of-service contracts in the First Circuit Court that provide substance use disorder treatment for adult probationers on O'ahu. These contracts were significantly reduced during the COVID-19 pandemic, despite the continued and growing need for treatment services. Restoring this funding is critical to ensuring access to effective interventions that promote rehabilitation, reduce recidivism, and strengthen community stability. This is especially important given that substance abuse treatment can be ordered in addition to domestic violence intervention by the courts in a plea arrangement.

Additionally, we support the Senate Draft 1 amendment, which appropriates an unspecified amount of funds to increase the contract price under existing contracts for services provided by community-based organizations to support the Judiciary's statutory mandate to individuals, families, and communities.

Domestic violence programs rely on these contracts to meet the needs of survivors and their families. However, these contracts have not been increased in years, and this would help to address the gap between contract funding and the actual costs of providing services, and enable community-based organizations to continue providing quality care for those in need across the state.

Hawaii's safety net is built on community-based organizations that provide essential services state agencies cannot deliver alone, including shelter for at-risk youth, meals for seniors, behavioral health care, housing assistance, and crisis response for families in need. Yet decades of chronic underfunding have forced many organizations to reduce services, underpay staff, and rely heavily on private fundraising just to keep their doors open. Without swift action, these pressures could lead to further program cuts, leaving Hawai'i's most vulnerable residents without the support systems they depend on.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this important matter.

Sincerely,
Angelina Mercado, Executive Director



Hawai'i Children's Action Network Speaks! is a nonpartisan 501c4 nonprofit committed to advocating for children and their families. Our core issues are safety, health, and education.

To: Senate Committee on Ways and Means
Re: **HB2095 HD2 SD1 – Relating to the Judiciary**
Hawai'i State Capitol & Via Videoconference
April 1, 2026; 10:01 AM

Aloha Chair Dela Cruz, Vice Chair Moriwaki, and Committee Members,

On behalf of Hawai'i Children's Action Network Speaks!, I am writing in **SUPPORT of HB2095 HD2 SD1**. This bill would appropriate supplemental funds for the Judiciary for the fiscal biennium beginning 7/1/2025 and ending 6/30/2027.

The supplemental funds in this bill would support Judiciary programs and operations as well as nonprofit partners serving children, youth, and families across Hawai'i. These resources are foundational to the effective functioning of family court, child protective proceedings, and other youth-related services. Children experience court delays and under-resourced systems most acutely. When family court proceedings move slowly, children can remain in unsafe situations, experience prolonged instability, or face delays in permanency decisions.

Nonprofit organizations provide essential court-connected services such as supervised visitation, family strengthening, youth diversion, domestic violence support, and case management for court-involved families. Strengthening Judiciary funding helps stabilize these programs, improve court efficiency, and promote better outcomes for children.

Mahalo for the opportunity to provide this testimony. Please pass this bill.

Thank you,

Nicole Woo
Director of Research and Economic Policy



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March 30, 2026

The Honorable Senator Donovan M. Dela Cruz, Chair
The Honorable Senator Sharon Y. Moriwaki, Vice Chair
Senate Committee on Ways and Means
State Capitol
415 South Beretania Street
Honolulu, HI 96813

RE: Hearing on Wednesday, April 1, 2026 at 10:01 a.m.,
Via VideoConference, Conference Room #211
Regarding HB No. 2095, "Relating to the Judiciary"

Dear Chair Dela Cruz and Vice Chair Moriwaki and Members of the Senate Committee on Ways and Means

We ask that you **strongly support HB 2095** to appropriate supplemental funds for the Judiciary for the fiscal biennium beginning 7/1/25 and ending 6/30/27.

Partners in Development Foundation is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit that inspires and equips families and communities for success and service, using timeless Native Hawaiian values and traditions. Since 1997, PIDF has served more than 171,000 people in over 75 communities across the state (www.pidf.org). PIDF has a strong record of managing complex, multi-year federal and state grants with measurable results in early childhood education, family engagement, and youth justice. PIDF continues to step to the frontline to meet the ever-changing needs of our low-income, remote, and rural families and communities, including operating a COVID quarantine hotel to keep families safe and healthy during the pandemic, to supporting families displaced by the Maui wildfires to heal and rebuild, to continuing to support and strengthen our most vulnerable children, youth and families as they navigate increasing living costs, unemployment, and loss of federal resources.

It is vital that this critical work provided by not only Partners in Development Foundation but the many other nonprofit organizations in our state continue to be supported through sufficient resources to sustainably operate and HB 2095 will accomplish this by increasing the level of funding available to these nonprofit organizations who are stepping in the gap to meet the needs that government entities cannot fully address. **We ask that you support HB 2095 to equip nonprofit organizations to meet our rising expenses to enable us to continue serving the people of Hawai'i.**

On behalf of Partners in Development Foundation and our many nonprofit partners serving tirelessly in our state, mahalo nui loa for your consideration of this request.

Shawn M. Kana'iaupuni, PhD
President and Chief Executive Officer



March 31, 2026

Testimony in Support of H.B.2095 HD2 SD1 Relating to the Judiciary

Aloha Chair Dela Cruz, Vice Chair Moriwaki, and Members of the Committee,

Mahalo for the opportunity to provide testimony in support of appropriations to restore funding for purchase-of-service contracts and to provide an appropriation to support the Judiciary's contracts with community-based organizations.

Community-based organizations are critical partners to the Judiciary, providing essential services to survivors of domestic violence, justice-involved youth, and families navigating complex legal systems. These nonprofits help ensure safety, stability, and access to justice for Hawai'i's most vulnerable residents.

However, contract rates have remained largely flat while wages, rent, utilities, and operating costs continue to rise. Without inflation protections, organizations are forced to cut services or operate at a loss, putting critical programs and community safety at risk.

HB2095 seeks to restore funding to ensure CBOs have the resources they need to continue providing services to the Judiciary. This stability allows nonprofits to retain staff, plan effectively, and deliver consistent, high-quality services.

When we invest in the organizations that support our courts, we strengthen the entire system and achieve better outcomes for families and communities.

For these reasons, we respectfully urge passage of HB 2095 HD2 SD1 to appropriate supplemental funds for the Judiciary to support purchase-of-service contracts and an appropriation for service contracts with community-based organizations.

Mahalo,

Michelle Bartell
President & CEO
Aloha United Way

HB-2095-SD-1

Submitted on: 3/31/2026 8:26:53 AM

Testimony for WAM on 4/1/2026 10:01:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Debbie A Cabebe	Testifying for Maui Economic Opportunity, Inc.	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

MEO is in fuill support of this bill.



The Hawai'i True Cost Coalition

April 1, 2026

Hawai'i State Legislature
Senate Committee on Ways and Means

Re: Testimony in STRONG SUPPORT of HB 2095 HD2 SD1, Relating to the Judiciary

Aloha Chair Dela Cruz, Vice Chair Moriwaki and esteemed members of the committee,

The Hawai'i True Cost Coalition is writing in strong support of HB 2095 HD2 SD1, relating to the Judiciary. This measure appropriates supplemental moneys for the Judiciary for the fiscal biennium beginning 7/1/2025 and ending 6/30/2027.

Specifically, the Hawai'i True Cost Coalition supports the \$574,716 appropriation within the Judiciary's budget to restore funding for purchase-of-service contracts in the First Circuit Court that provide substance use disorder treatment for adult probationers on O'ahu. These contracts were significantly reduced during the COVID-19 pandemic, despite continued and growing need for treatment services. Restoring this funding is critical to ensuring access to effective interventions that promote rehabilitation, reduce recidivism, and strengthen community stability.

Additionally, the Hawai'i True Cost Coalition strongly supports the Senate Draft 1 amendment which appropriates an unspecified amount of funds to increase the contract price under existing contracts for services provided by community-based organizations in support of fulfilling the Judiciary's statutory mandate to individuals, families, and communities. These contracts have not been increased in years and this would help to address the gap between contract funding and the actual costs of providing services, and enable community-based organizations to continue providing quality care for those in need across the state.

Achieve Zero | Adult Friends for Youth | Aloha Care | Aloha Harvest | Arc of Kona | AUW | Big Brothers Big Sisters | Blueprint for Change | Boys and Girls Clubs of Hawaii | Catholic Charities | Child and Family Service | Coalition for a Drug-Free Hawaii | Community Alliance on Prisons | Community First Hawaii | Connecting Community LLC | DVAC | Easter Seals | Epic Ohana | Family Programs Hawaii | Full Life | Going Home Hawaii | Goodwill Hawaii | Hale Kipa | Hale Na'au Pono | Hale Opio Kauai, Inc. | HANO | Hawaii Afterschool Alliance | Hawaii Children's Action Network | Hawaii Community Benefit Consultants | Hawaii Community Foundation | Hawaii Data Collaborative | Hawaii Foodbank | Hawaii Housing Affordability Coalition | Hawaii Appleseed | Hawaii Public Health Institute | Healthy Mothers Healthy Babies | Helping Hands Hawaii | Hawaii State Coalition for Domestic Violence | Ho'ola Na Pua | Honolulu Habitat for Humanity | Honolulu International Film Festival | IHS | Imua Family Services | Cameron Center | Ka Po'e o Kaka'ako | Kamehameha Schools | Kinai 'Eha | Kui'kahi Mediation Center | Kumukahi Health and Wellness | Lanakila Pacific | Maui Economic Opportunity | Maui Family Support Services, Inc. | Maui United Way | Mediation Center of the Pacific | Mental Health Kokua | Metro YMCA | Mindful Living Group | Na Hale O Maui | Na Maka Haloa O Waipio | Nurturing Wahine | Olelo Community Media | PACT | Care | People Attentive to Children | PIC | PID Foundation | Responsive Caregivers of Hawaii | RYSE | Samaritan Counseling Center | Starting Over in Recovery | Susannah Wesley | The Spirit Horse Ranch Inc. | Transform Hawaii Government | U.S. Vets | Volunteer Legal Services of Hawaii | Women Helping Women | YMCA Honolulu | YWCA of Kauai | YWCA of Oahu

Hawai'i's safety net often goes unnoticed—until it begins to fray. It is built on community-based organizations that deliver essential services state agencies cannot provide alone, including shelter for at-risk youth, meals for seniors, behavioral health care, housing assistance, and crisis response for families in need. Yet decades of chronic underfunding have forced many organizations to reduce services, underpay staff, and rely heavily on private fundraising simply to remain operational. Members of the True Cost Coalition report working under contracts that have not received meaningful budget increases for more than ten years, despite rising costs for labor, facilities, and compliance. Without swift action, these pressures will continue to erode programs and leave Hawai'i's most vulnerable residents without the support systems they depend on.

The Hawai'i True Cost Coalition

The Hawai'i True Cost Coalition is an alliance of more than 80 community-based nonprofit organizations serving over 500,000 residents statewide. Since its formation in 2020, the coalition has worked to strengthen partnerships between nonprofits and the State of Hawai'i to ensure public funds are allocated equitably, efficiently, and sustainably. By advocating for fair and realistic funding, the coalition helps safeguard critical programs for children, kupuna, individuals experiencing homelessness, people with disabilities, veterans, and survivors of domestic violence—ensuring that nonprofits can continue providing the vital care and support on which so many residents rely.

Mahalo for the opportunity to testify on this important measure.

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TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF HB 2095, HD2, SD1
RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES

To: Chair Dela Cruz, Vice Chair Moriwaki, & Members of the Senate Committee on Ways and Means

From: Rona Yagi Fukumoto, President and CEO

Date: Tuesday, March 31, 2026

On behalf of Lanakila Pacific, I am testifying in **strong support of HB 2095, HD2, SD1**, which appropriates supplemental funds to the Judiciary. As a member of the Hawaii True Cost Coalition, a network of more than 70 community-based organizations, Lanakila Pacific supports the request to increase critical funding for essential services. As a member of the Access to Justice Commission, I know firsthand that many dedicated citizens within the Hawaii Judiciary, private sector, and community are fighting to increase access to justice in Hawaii and appropriate funding for Judiciary contracts is a key component to success.

At Lanakila Pacific, our mission is to build independence and an improved quality of life for individuals with cognitive, physical, social or age-related challenges. Throughout our 86-year history, we provided job training, work experience, and support for jobseekers as well as nutrition programs to allow people to live independently. We have watched costs rise for programs and services across the community-based safety net. Although Lanakila Pacific does not have a direct contract with the Judiciary, our work touches justice involved youth and adults, and we rely on programs contracted by the Judiciary for their part in the rehabilitation and work readiness for these individuals. Without the supplemental contracts to align service delivery with true costs, programs will become unsustainable and the safety net will fray.

HB 2095, HD2, SD1 is a step toward ensuring the safety net remains strong now and into the future. Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony. Please contact me at 808-356-8569 or rfukumoto@lanakilapacific.org if you have any questions.

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TO: Chair DelaCruz, Vice-Chair Moriwaki, & Members of the
Committee on Ways and Means

Date: March 31, 2026

Hawai'i Youth Services Network (HYSN) **strongly supports** HB2095,
HD 2 SD1, which provides supplemental funding for the Judiciary.

Rising costs are having an adverse effect on community-based organizations (CBOs) across the state, with the majority unable to cover the full costs of providing services via contracts by the state. Organizations are faced with staffing shortages due to not being able to pay competitive wages for key positions that support some of our most vulnerable young people and adults. This is not a sustainable structure and with the need for social services increasing, organizations need true cost support to keep social safety net services intact.

On behalf of HYSN and its member agencies, I urge you to pass HB 2095, HD2 SD1 to ensure support of the vital community based organizations that work collaboratively with the Judiciary and to ensure there is a significant appropriation for state contracts that support the true costs of critical health and human service programming across Hawai'i.

Mahalo for the opportunity to testify in support of this important and timely measure.

Sincerely,



Sonia Blackiston
Executive Director
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HB-2095-SD-1

Submitted on: 3/31/2026 10:01:04 AM

Testimony for WAM on 4/1/2026 10:01:00 AM



Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Alison Masutani	Testifying for Malama ʻĀina Foundation	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Hawai‘i State Legislature

Senate Committee on Ways and Means

Re: Testimony in STRONG SUPPORT of HB 2095 HD2 SD1, Relating to the Judiciary

Aloha Chair Dela Cruz, Vice Chair Moriwaki and esteemed members of the committee,

Mālama ʻĀina Foundation (MAF) is writing in strong support of HB 2095 HD2 SD1, relating to the Judiciary. This measure appropriates supplemental moneys for the Judiciary for the fiscal biennium beginning 7/1/2025 and ending 6/30/2027.

Specifically, MAF supports the \$574,716 appropriation within the Judiciary’s budget to restore funding for purchase-of-service contracts in the First Circuit Court that provide substance use disorder treatment for adult probationers on O‘ahu. These contracts were significantly reduced during the COVID-19 pandemic, despite continued and growing need for treatment services. Restoring this funding is critical to ensuring access to effective interventions that promote rehabilitation, reduce recidivism, and strengthen community stability.

Additionally, MAF strongly supports the Senate Draft 1 amendment which appropriates an unspecified amount of funds to increase the contract price under existing contracts for services provided by community-based organizations in support of fulfilling the Judiciary’s statutory mandate to individuals, families, and communities. These contracts have not been increased in years and this would help to address the gap between contract funding and the actual costs of

providing services and enable community-based organizations to continue providing quality care for those in need across the state.

Hawai'i's safety net is in jeopardy. It is built on community-based organizations that deliver essential services state agencies cannot provide alone, including shelter for at-risk youth, meals for seniors, behavioral health care, housing assistance, and crisis response for families in need. Decades of chronic underfunding have forced many organizations to reduce services, underpay staff, and rely heavily on private fundraising simply to remain operational. Without swift action, these pressures will continue to erode programs and leave Hawai'i's most vulnerable residents without the support systems they depend on.

MAF is a nonprofit with a mission to empower people to be grounded in their identity and heritage, transform mindsets and foster healthy growth of communities. This funding will help to ensure that our people can have a chance for a resilient future.

Mahalo for the opportunity to testify on this important measure.

Me ka ha'aha'a

Alison Masutani, President and CEO

March 31, 2026

Testimony in STRONG SUPPORT of HB2095 HD2 SD1

Aloha Chair, Vice Chair, and Members of the Committee,

My name is Greg Tjapkes, Executive Director of The Coalition for a Drug-Free Hawai‘i. We strongly support SB2 **HB2095 HD2 SD1**.

The Coalition for a Drug-Free Hawaii provides family therapy services for the Juvenile Drug Court. These services help youth address substance use, strengthen family relationships, and successfully complete court supervision.

Our Judiciary contract was significantly reduced several years ago and has not received meaningful increases since, despite substantial increases in wages, benefits, utilities, and administrative costs. Without contract adjustments that reflect actual operating costs, it becomes increasingly difficult to recruit and retain qualified clinicians, reducing service capacity and continuity for court-involved youth and families.

HB2095 HD2 SD1 recognizes this need by providing funding to increase existing Judiciary contracts with community-based organizations. Stable, multi-year contracts with annual cost adjustments are essential to sustaining these critical services.

HB2095 is not an expansion of services; it is a necessary stabilization measure. We respectfully urge your support.

Greg Tjapkes
Executive Director
Coalition for a Drug-Free Hawaii



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March 31, 2026

Senator Donovan M. Dela Cruz, Chair
Senator Sharon Y. Moriwaki, Vice Chair
Committee on Ways and Means
The Senate
33rd Legislature, State of Hawai'i

via: <http://www.capitol.hawaii.gov>

**Re: SUPPORT FOR AND COMMENTS ON HB2095, HD2 SD1
RELATING TO THE JUDICIARY**

DATE: Wednesday, April 1, 2026
TIME: 10:01 a.m.
PLACE: Conference Room 211 & Videoconference
State Capitol
415 South Beretania Street

Dear Honorable Committee leadership and members,

The Executive Board of the West Hawai'i Bar Association (WHBA) supports this bill that will provide supplemental appropriations to Judiciary operations and community-based service contracts, and funding for capital improvement projects. We write particularly in support of the appropriation of \$20 million in CIP funding for construction of and equipment for the new South Kohala District Courthouse. Respectfully, please consider again the compelling testimony submitted by our colleague and WHBA member Jessica Hatcher regarding the current status of the South Kohala courthouse:

The building lacks a waiting area, so everyone, including opposing parties, must sit outside on a single bench that runs alongside the building, exposed to the elements, with no privacy whatsoever. There are no meeting areas where an attorney can have a private conference with their client before appearing before the Judge. Similarly, there are no secure meeting rooms to hold individuals in custody awaiting their proceedings.

Instead, individuals in custody must wait outside in a transport van until their cases are called and in this van they are expected to meet with their attorneys for private conferences. There is no dedicated space for monitoring security operations or for booking and processing individuals in custody. The courtroom itself is small and has issues with temperature control and ambient noise. The existing building has no space for other court-related agencies or services that support the community.

What Ms. Hatcher has described for this Honorable Committee is a literal structural barrier to access to justice in the South Kohala District Court arguably amounting to a deprivation of the rights and privileges that are secured to other citizens in the State of Hawai`i. Haw. const. art. 1, §8.

The WHBA represents approximately 115 attorneys serving the West side of the Island of Hawai`i.

Thank you for your consideration of our testimony.

Very Truly Yours,



Rachel L. Thompson, Esq.
President, West Hawai`i Bar Association

HB-2095-SD-1

Submitted on: 3/27/2026 6:00:31 PM

Testimony for WAM on 4/1/2026 10:01:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Sarah Fairchild	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support this bill, specifically, increased funding for nonprofit contracts to pay their workers a living wage.

HB-2095-SD-1

Submitted on: 3/28/2026 8:15:57 AM

Testimony for WAM on 4/1/2026 10:01:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Johnnie-Mae L. Perry	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I, Johnnie-Mae L. Perry, Support

2095 HB RELATING TO THE JUDICIARY.

HB-2095-SD-1

Submitted on: 3/30/2026 12:51:55 PM

Testimony for WAM on 4/1/2026 10:01:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Jessica Hatcher	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Dear Senator Dela Cruz and Senator Moriwaki of the Committee on Ways and Means,

I am writing to offer testimony in SUPPORT of House Bill 2095. While I support this bill overall, I am writing specifically to emphasize the need for funds to construct a new South Kohala courthouse. I am a licensed attorney and have spent years practicing in the South Kohala courthouse on a weekly basis. The current building, which some would describe as a quaint country court, is woefully inadequate. This courthouse serves the North Kohala, South Kohala, and Hamakua districts, and these populations are growing. The building lacks a waiting area, so everyone, including opposing parties, must sit outside on a single bench that runs alongside the building, exposed to the elements, with no privacy whatsoever. There are no meeting areas where an attorney can have a private conference with their client before appearing before the Judge. Similarly, there are no secure meeting rooms to hold individuals in custody awaiting their proceedings. Instead, individuals in custody must wait outside in a transport van until their cases are called and in this van they are expected to meet with their attorneys for private conferences. There is no dedicated space for monitoring security operations or for booking and processing individuals in custody. The courtroom itself is small and has issues with temperature control and ambient noise. The existing building has no space for other court-related agencies or services that support the community. A new courthouse would be instrumental in supporting the growing communities of the North Kohala, South Kohala, and Hamakua districts.

Thank you for considering this testimony in support of HB2095.

Jessica Hatcher

HB-2095-SD-1

Submitted on: 3/31/2026 8:58:39 AM

Testimony for WAM on 4/1/2026 10:01:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Madeline M. Reed	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I am writing in strong support of HB 2095 HD2 SD1. In particular, I am in support of appropriation of funds to increase contract prices for essential services provided by community-based organizations. I am also in support of funding for a new South Kohala Courthouse. I have been practicing in that court since 2011, and I can personally confirm that the facility is no longer meeting the needs of our growing community.