

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: S.B. No. 946  
S.D. 1

Honorable Shan S. Tsutsui  
President of the Senate  
Twenty-Sixth State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2011  
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Judiciary and Labor, to which was referred  
S.B. No. 946 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE JUDICIARY,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to:

- (1) Establish the Access to Justice Trust Fund under the  
Judiciary as an endowment to be administered by a  
nonprofit entity;
- (2) Require investment of the principal of the Trust Fund;  
and
- (3) Authorize the disbursement of interest earned from the  
investment of the Trust Fund to fund legal services for  
the poor, indigent, and other vulnerable populations.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure  
from the Domestic Violence Action Center and the American Civil  
Liberties Union of Hawai'i.

Your Committee finds that legal services providers lack  
adequate funding and attorneys to meet the need for affordable  
legal services for vulnerable populations in the State. This  
measure creates the Access to Justice Trust Fund to provide  
funding to nonprofit legal services organizations to assist with



the legal services needs of the poor, indigent, and other vulnerable populations.

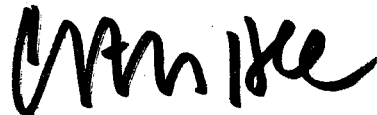
As this measure moves forward, your Committee requests that subsequent committees consider the measure's financial implications and examine the trust fund aspects of this measure.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Inserting an effective date of July 1, 2050, to allow for further discussion; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity and consistency.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Judiciary and Labor that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 946, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 946, S.D. 1, and be referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Respectfully submitted on  
behalf of the members of the  
Committee on Judiciary and  
Labor,



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CLAYTON HEE, Chair



The Senate  
 Twenty-Sixth Legislature  
 State of Hawai'i

**Record of Votes**  
**Committee on Judiciary and Labor**  
**JDL**

Bill / Resolution No.:* <b>SB 946</b>	Committee Referral: <b>JDL WAM</b>	Date: <b>2/15/11</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
HEE, Clayton (C)	✓			
SHIMABUKURO, Maile (VC)	✓			
GABBARD, Mike				✓
IHARA, Jr., Les				✓
SLOM, Sam			✓	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature:				
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