

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

2126

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 13 2012

RE: S.B. No. 2700
S.D. 1

Honorable Shan S. Tsutsui
President of the Senate
Twenty-Sixth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2012
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Judiciary and Labor, to which was referred
S.B. No. 2700 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT MAKING EMERGENCY APPROPRIATIONS FOR CLAIMS
AGAINST THE STATE, ITS OFFICERS, OR ITS EMPLOYEES,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to make an
emergency appropriation to satisfy twenty-four claims against the
State and its officers or employees for fiscal year 2011-2012,
because the requested funds were not appropriated during the
previous regular legislative session.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure
from the Department of the Attorney General; the Judiciary; and
the Department of Education.

Your Committee finds that during the regular session of 2011,
a request was made to the Legislature for funds to satisfy
judgments and settlements of claims against the State for fiscal
year 2010-2011. Those requested funds were not appropriated and
as a result, claimants sought or threatened to initiate legal
action against the State. This measure seeks an emergency
appropriation to satisfy twenty-four judgments and settlements
totaling \$5,790,697.12 in order to avoid further legal action and
expense.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

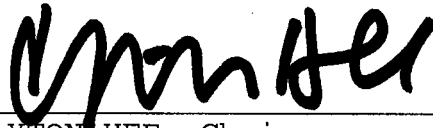
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- (1) Correcting language to accurately request that funds be appropriated out of the harbor special fund, rather than the State harbor fund, to settle certain claims; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity 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. 2700, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2700, 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,



CLAYTON HEE, Chair



