

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

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Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: H.B. No. 896
H.D. 1
S.D. 1

Honorable Donna Mercado Kim
President of the Senate
Twenty-Eighth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2015
State of Hawaii

Madam:

Your Committee on Judiciary and Labor, to which was referred
H.B. No. 896, H.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT MAKING 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
appropriation to satisfy several claims against the State, its
officers, or its employees, including claims for legislative
relief, judgments against the State, settlements, and other
miscellaneous claims.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure
from the Department of the Attorney General. Your Committee
received testimony in opposition to this measure from one
individual.

Your Committee finds that this measure requests a total of
\$2,246,874.40 in appropriations from the general fund to satisfy
seventeen claims against the State, a total of \$72,000 in
appropriations from the state highway fund to satisfy one claim
against the State, and a total of \$93,734.77 in appropriations
from the harbor special fund to satisfy one claim. The grand
total for the nineteen claims settled in this measure as received
by your Committee is \$2,412,609.17. Timely passage of this
measure will minimize the State's obligation to pay interest on
those amounts.

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Your Committee notes the written testimony submitted by Department of the Attorney General, which requests the addition of ten new claims that have been resolved since this measure was introduced. These ten additions require a total of \$607,266.75 in appropriations from the general fund.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Adding general fund appropriations for ten settlement claims totaling \$607,266.75, as requested by the Department of the Attorney General, which increases the grand total amount of appropriations in this measure to \$3,019,875.92 in order to satisfy a total of twenty-nine claims against the State, its officers, or its employees; and
- (2) Making a technical, nonsubstantive amendment 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 H.B. No. 896, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 896, H.D. 1, 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,


GILBERT S.C. KEITH-AGARAN, Chair



