

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

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Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: S.B. No. 1072

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
S.B. No. 1072 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT MAKING AN EMERGENCY APPROPRIATION FOR THE
DEPARTMENT OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to provide an
emergency appropriation of \$1,100,000 in general revenues to the
Department of the Attorney General for fiscal year 2014-2015 to
fund contracts to retain expert counsel, expert witnesses, and
other legal services.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure
from the Department of the Attorney General.

Your Committee finds that the Department of the Attorney
General anticipates incurring several major litigation expenses
for the retention of expert witnesses and specialized legal
counsel. These expenses include expenses to defend the State
against claims for money damages in several large, one-time only
class action lawsuits and investigating and prepare for filing a
suit to recover funds to repair and restore damage in and around
Honolulu Harbor resulting from the September 2013 molasses spill.
This measure will supplement the normal annual litigation budget
used by the Department of the Attorney General to fund litigation
expenses.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your
Committee on Judiciary and Labor that is attached to this report,

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your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 1072 and recommends that it pass Second Reading 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



