

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

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Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 03 2017

RE: S.B. No. 948

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate
Twenty-Ninth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2017
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Ways and Means, to which was referred S.B. No. 948 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO GOVERNMENTAL RETENTION OF ATTORNEYS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to authorize the Division of Financial Institutions (Division) of the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs to employ or retain attorneys.

Specifically, this measure removes the restriction that the Division may hire attorneys only for actions involving the mortgage loan recovery fund.

The Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs submitted written comments in support of this measure.

Your Committee finds that bank departments in forty states have staff attorneys that assist in drafting enforcement orders and providing guidance. Your Committee recognizes that, while existing law authorizes the Division to employ and retain attorneys for actions involving the mortgage loan recovery fund, almost all of the Division's legal needs are outside the scope of the current authorization. Your Committee finds that this measure would authorize the Division to hire staff attorneys, whose abilities to confer on potential legal and regulatory issues, conduct legal research, and provide options and recommendations



for resolution would enhance the Division's efficiency and capacity.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Ways and Means that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 948 and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Ways and Means,




JILL N. TOKUDA, Chair



The Senate
 Twenty-Ninth Legislature
 State of Hawai'i

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Bill / Resolution No.:*	Committee Referral:	Date:		
SB 948	SOL/CPH, WAM	27 Feb 2017		
<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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312 <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311 <input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310 <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
TOKUDA, Jill N. (C)	/			
DELA CRUZ, Donovan M. (VC)				/
ENGLISH, J. Kalani	/			
GALUTERIA, Brickwood	/			
HARIMOTO, Breene	/			
INOUYE, Lorraine R.				/
KAHELE, Kaiali'i	/			
RIVIERE, Gil	/			
SHIMABUKURO, Maile S.L.	/			
TANIGUCHI, Brian T.	/			
WAKAI, Glenn				/
TOTAL	8			3
Recommendation:				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature:				
				
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