

Honolulu, Hawaii

**FEB 09 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 Committees on Judiciary and Labor and Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health, to which was referred S.B. No. 948 entitled:

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

beg leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to allow the Division of Financial Institutions of the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs to employ or retain an attorney to represent or provide legal services for the Division or State on any matter rather than only mortgage loan recovery fund actions.

Your Committees received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs.

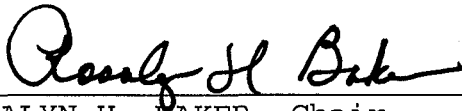
Your Committees find that existing law allows the Division of Financial Institutions of the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs to employ and retain attorneys only for actions involving the mortgage loan recovery fund. However, a majority of the Division's need for attorney assistance is outside the scope of what the law permits. This measure will assist in increasing the Division's efficiency and streamlining its regulatory processes.

As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committees on Judiciary and Labor and Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health that are attached to this report, your Committees are in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B.



No. 948 and recommend that it pass Second Reading and be referred to your Committee on Ways and Means.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the members of the Committees on Judiciary and Labor and Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health,



ROSALYN H. BAKER, Chair



GILBERT S.C. KEITH-AGARAN, Chair



The Senate  
 Twenty-Ninth Legislature  
 State of Hawai'i

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

Bill / Resolution No.:* <b>SB 948</b>	Committee Referral: <b>JDL/CPH, WAM</b>	Date: <b>2/3/17</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 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
KEITH-AGARAN, Gilbert S.C. (C)	✓			
RHOADS, Karl (VC)	✓			
GABBARD, Mike	✓			
KIM, Donna Mercado				✓
THIELEN, Laura H.	✓			
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: <div style="text-align:center;"><i>Karl Rhoads</i></div>				
<b>Distribution:</b> Original     Yellow     Pink     Goldenrod File with Committee Report     Clerk's Office     Drafting Agency     Committee File Copy				

\*Only one measure per Record of Votes

The Senate  
Twenty-Ninth Legislature  
State of Hawai'i

**Record of Votes**  
**Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health**  
**CPH**

Bill / Resolution No.:*	Committee Referral:	Date:		
SB948	JDL/CPH, WAM	2/3/17		
<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
BAKER, Rosalyn H. (C)	✓			
NISHIHARA, Clarence K. (VC)	✓			
CHANG, Stanley	✓			
ESPERO, Will	✓			
IHARA, Jr., Les	✓			
KIDANI, Michelle N.				✓
RUDERMAN, Russell E.				✓
<b>TOTAL</b>	5			2
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: <i>Clarence K. Nishihara</i>				
Distribution:      Original                  Yellow                  Pink                  Goldenrod File with Committee Report      Clerk's Office      Drafting Agency      Committee File Copy				

\*Only one measure per Record of Votes