



The Judiciary, State of Hawai‘i

Testimony to the House Committee on Judiciary

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Bill No. and Title: House Bill No. 1134, Relating to the Judiciary.

Purpose: Appropriates moneys for equipment, supplies, and salaries for Ho‘okele legal self-help service centers in Hilo and Kona.

Judiciary's Position:

The Judiciary supports the intent of House Bill No. 1134 as its intent is to better service individuals who represent themselves in Hawai‘i courts by providing assistance with filling out forms and information regarding how to comply with court procedures. However, the Judiciary respectfully recommends that the Judiciary’s budget bills, House Bill No. 290 and Senate Bill No. 428, submitted as part of the Judiciary’s 2015 legislative package, serve as the primary vehicle to move this initiative forward. The Judiciary’s budget bills include a request for one position each in Hilo and Kona and related funding of almost \$89K in FY 2016 and \$75K in FY 2017 for Ho'okele. House Bill No. 1134 reflects the current status and needs for Ho‘okele which the Judiciary wants to establish with our stakeholders within the Third Circuit.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on House Bill No. 1134.