

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

1089

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 27 2015

RE: H.B. No. 492
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. 492 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE JUDICIARY,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to appropriate
unspecified sums to the Judiciary for fiscal years 2015-2016 and
2016-2017 to enter into contracts with community mediation centers
for mediation services.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure
from the Judiciary; Mediation Centers of Hawaii, Inc.; Kauai
Economic Opportunity Incorporated; and one individual.

Your Committee finds that research shows that mediation and
other alternative dispute resolution processes generally provide
more satisfactory results that can help to resolve disputes in
less time than a trial and can save on costs. This measure allows
the Center for Alternative Dispute Resolution and other service
providers contracted with the Judiciary to provide additional
services for Hawaii residents.

Your Committee has amended this measure by inserting an
effective date of January 7, 2059, to encourage further
discussion.

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 H.B. No. 492, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 492, 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



The Senate
 Twenty-Eighth Legislature
 State of Hawai'i

Record of Votes
Committee on Judiciary and Labor
JDL

Bill / Resolution No.:* HB 492	Committee Referral: JDL, WAM	Date: 3/20/15		
<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 type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312 <input checked="" 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)	✓			
SHIMABUKURO, Maile S.L. (VC)	✓			
ESPERO, Will	✓			
GABBARD, Mike	✓			
IHARA, Jr., Les				✓
THIELEN, Laura H.	✓			
SLOM, Sam	✓			
TOTAL	6			1
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: 				
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*Only one measure per Record of Votes