STAND. COM. REP. NO. 3050

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 0 1 2024

RE: S.B. No. 2107 S.D. 1

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi President of the Senate Thirty-Second State Legislature Regular Session of 2024 State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Ways and Means, to which was referred S.B. No. 2107 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO SPECIAL COUNSEL,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to authorize the Attorney General to appoint a special counsel to assume the Attorney General's powers and responsibilities over an investigation, prosecution, or administrative action if direct involvement of the Department of the Attorney General presents a conflict of interest, and having outside counsel is in the public interest.

Your Committee received written comments in opposition to this measure from the Department of the Attorney General.

Your Committee finds that authorizing the Attorney General to appoint a special counsel in certain matters will provide the Attorney General with another means to resolve conflicts of interest that involve the Attorney General personally or the Department of the Attorney General as a whole.

Your Committee has amended this measure by changing the effective date to July 1, 2050, to facilitate further discussion on the measure.

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. 2107, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2107, S.D. 1.

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

DONOVAN M. DELA CRUZ, Chai

The Senate Thirty-Second Legislature State of Hawai'i

Record of Votes Committee on Ways and Means WAM

Bill / Resolution No.:*	Committee Referral:		Date:		
SB2107	JDC,	MAW		3/1/20	724
The Committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure.					
If so, then the previous decision was to:					
The Recommendation is:					
Pass, unamended Pass, with amendments Hold Recommit 2312 2311 2310 2313					
Members		Aye	Aye (W	R) Nay	Excused
DELA CRUZ, Donovan M. (C)		X			
MORIWAKI, Sharon Y. (VC)		X			
AQUINO, Henry J.C.		X			
DECOITE, Lynn		X			
HASHIMOTO, Troy N.		X			
INOUYE, Lorraine R.		X			
KANUHA, Dru Mamo		X			
KIDANI, Michelle N.		X X X			
KIM, Donna Mercado					
LEE, Chris		X			
SHIMABUKURO, Maile S.L.		-			X
WAKAI, Glenn		X			1
FEVELLA, Kurt		X			
TOTAL		12			
Recommendation: Adopted Not Adopted					
Chair's or Designee's Signature:					
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