

Honorable Scott K. Saiki
Speaker, House of Representatives
Thirty-First State Legislature
Regular Session of 2021
State of Hawaii
Sir:

Your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs, to which was referred H.B. No. 356 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE JUDICIAL COUNCIL,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to require meetings of the Judicial Council to be open to the public.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from one individual. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Judiciary, Hawaii State Ethics Commission, and Common Cause Hawaii.

Your Committee finds that one of the Judicial Council's primary functions is to select nominees for the Campaign Spending Commission and State Ethics Commission. To promote open discussion among Judicial Council members and protect the privacy of nominees, your Committee believes that deliberations for the selection of nominees for these commissions should not be open to the public.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

(1) Requiring the Judicial Council's deliberations for the selection of nominees for the Campaign Spending Commission and State Ethics Commission to be closed to the public; and

(2) Making a technical, nonsubstantive amendment for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 356, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 356, H.D. 1, and be placed on the calendar for Third Reading.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the members of the Committee on
Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs,

MARK M. NAKASHIMA, Chair