

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: H.B. No. 814
H.D. 1
S.D. 1

Honorable Shan S. Tsutsui
President of the Senate
Twenty-Sixth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2011
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Judiciary and Labor, to which was referred H.B. No. 814, H.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to:

- (1) Limit the Hawaii Employer-Union Health Benefits Trust Fund to providing group life insurance benefits only to retired employees who retired before July 1, 2011;
- (2) Maintain the flat dollar contribution for the group life benefit of retired employees and repeal the annual adjustment; and
- (3) Repeal provisions pertaining to the negotiation of group life insurance contributions for active employees.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Budget and Finance. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from the Hawaii Fire Fighters Association, Local 1463, IAFF, AFL-CIO; Hawaii State Teachers Association; University of Hawaii Professional Assembly; and two individuals. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the City and County of Honolulu Department of Budget and Fiscal Services.



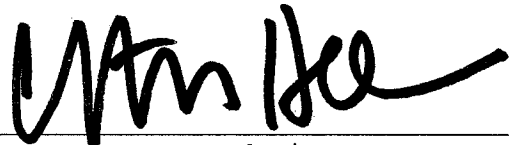
Your Committee finds that this cost-saving measure is one of many alternatives being considered by the Legislature in response to the current revenue shortfall. Your Committee understands the concerns of those who have testified in opposition to this measure, but believes that all options should remain under consideration.

Your Committee has amended this measure accordingly by:

- (1) Inserting an effective date of July 1, 2050, to allow for further discussion; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity and consistency.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Judiciary and Labor that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 814, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 814, H.D. 1, 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,



CLAYTON HEE, Chair



The Senate
 Twenty-Sixth Legislature
 State of Hawai'i

Record of Votes
Committee on Judiciary and Labor
JDL

Bill / Resolution No.:* HB 814, HD1	Committee Referral: JDL, WAM	Date: 3/21/11		
<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
HEE, Clayton (C)	✓			
SHIMABUKURO, Maile (VC)	✓			
GABBARD, Mike	✓			
IHARA, Jr., Les				✓
SLOM, Sam	✓			
TOTAL	4	0	0	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