
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE BUREAU TO CONDUCT A STUDY
TO MEASURE THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THE POST RETIREMENT
ALLOWANCE IN FULFILLING ITS PURPOSE TO HELP OFFSET THE
RISING COST OF LIVING AND KEEP UP WITH INFLATION.

1 WHEREAS, Chapter 88-90, Hawaii Revised Statutes, creates a
2 Post Retirement Allowance in the Employees' Retirement System;
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5 WHEREAS, the pension benefit of state and county employees
6 is calculated via a format that uses various factors, including
7 time of service and average annual salary, to determine the
8 amount of final compensation; and
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10 WHEREAS, the Post Retirement Allowance benefit is a fixed,
11 uncompounded amount of compensation based upon a formula using
12 two and one-half percent of a retiree's pension multiplied by a
13 retiree's years of service; and
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15 WHEREAS, inflation is an inescapable economic reality that
16 causes all citizens to inevitably pay more over time for goods
17 and services; and
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19 WHEREAS, the Post Retirement Allowance benefit is meant to
20 assist retirees on fixed or semi-fixed incomes to mitigate the
21 effects of inflation; and
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23 WHEREAS, many believe that the current fixed percentage
24 calculation of the Post Retirement Allowance does not allow
25 pension recipients to keep up with the cost of living; now,
26 therefore,



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1 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
 2 Twenty-sixth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session
 3 of 2011, the Senate concurring, that the Legislative Reference
 4 Bureau is requested to conduct a study on the current Post
 5 Retirement Allowance to determine whether it is fulfilling its
 6 purpose of maintaining a standard of living for retired members
 7 and beneficiaries; and

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 9 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislative Reference
 10 Bureau report its findings and recommendations including any
 11 proposed legislation, to the Legislature no later than 20 days
 12 prior to the convening of the Regular Session of 2012; and

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 14 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
 15 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Director of the
 16 Legislative Reference Bureau, the Director of the Employees'
 17 Retirement System, the President of the Hawaii State Teachers
 18 Association - Retired, and the Hawaii Government Employees
 19 Association Retirees Unit.

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