

Honolulu, Hawaii

March 2, 2018

RE: H.B. No. 1768
H.D. 2

Honorable Scott K. Saiki
Speaker, House of Representatives
Twenty-Ninth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2018
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Judiciary, to which was referred H.B. No. 1768, H.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO INFORMATION PRACTICES,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to permit the public inspection and duplication of salary ranges, rather than exact compensation, for legislative employees.

The Chief Clerk of the Hawaii State House of Representatives testified in support of this measure. The Civil Beat Law Center for the Public Interest, Society of Professional Journalists Hawaii Chapter, American Association of University Women-Hawaii, Common Cause Hawaii, League of Women Voters of Hawaii, and two individuals testified in opposition. The Office of Information Practices, Grassroot Institute of Hawaii, and Hawaii Government Employees Association, AFSCME Local 152, AFL-CIO provided comments.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Requiring the disclosure of the salary ranges for legislative employees to be in ranges of \$25,000 increments instead of in accordance with the financial




disclosure ranges listed under the Hawaii State Ethics Code;

- (2) Changing its effective date to July 1, 2050, to facilitate further discussion; and
- (3) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Judiciary that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1768, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1768, H.D. 2.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Judiciary,



SCOTT Y. NISHIMOTO, Chair



