

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

3004

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 22 2006

RE: H.B. No. 1917  
H.D. 2  
S.D. 1

Honorable Robert Bunda  
President of the Senate  
Twenty-Third State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2006  
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Judiciary and Hawaiian Affairs, to which  
was referred H.B. No. 1917, H.D. 2, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT PROPOSING AMENDMENTS TO THE HAWAII  
CONSTITUTION RELATING TO THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A SALARY  
COMMISSION,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to propose a constitutional  
amendment to establish a salary commission to review and make  
recommendations for the salary of the governor, the members of the  
legislature, justices and judges of all state courts, the  
administrative director of the State or an equivalent position,  
and the department heads or executive officers and the deputies or  
assistants to the department heads of all state departments,  
excluding the University of Hawaii and the Department of  
Education.

Your Committee received testimony in support of the measure  
from the Hawaii Government Employees Association and an  
individual. The Judiciary, the Department of Human Resources  
Development, and the Department of Business and Economic  
Development submitted comments on this measure.

Your Committee finds that having one commission to review and  
recommend the salaries for the governor, the members of the  
legislature, justices and judges of all state courts, the  
administrative director of the State or an equivalent position,

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and the department heads or executive officers and the deputies or assistants to the department heads of all state departments will lend fairness and consistency to the process.

Your Committee amended this measure to:

- (1) Correlate with the changes recommended for H.B. 1918, HD1, requiring the salary commission to submit its recommendations no later than the fortieth legislative day of the 2008 regular session and every six years thereafter; and
- (2) Delete the defective effective date and insert that this measure shall take effect upon compliance with article XVII, section 3, of the state constitution.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Judiciary and Hawaiian Affairs that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1917, H.D. 2, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1917, H.D. 2, 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  
Hawaiian Affairs,



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COLLEEN HANABUSA, Chair



