

Honolulu, Hawaii

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

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

Sir:

Your Committee on Ways and Means, to which was referred H.B. No. 1917, H.D. 2, S.D. 1, 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 an amendment to the state constitution to establish a salary commission for the salaries of justices and judges, legislators, the governor, the lieutenant governor, and other executive branch officers.

This measure requires the commission to make salary recommendations to the legislature every six years. Furthermore, the recommended salaries will become effective unless the Legislature disapproves of all recommendations through a concurrent resolution during the legislative session in which the recommendation is submitted.

Your Committee finds that the state constitution currently establishes two different salary commissions for state officials, one commission is for legislators and the other commission is for justices and judges. The constitution does not establish a salary commission for executive branch officials, but merely specifies that the salaries of the governor and lieutenant governor are to be set "as provided by law". The constitution does not address the salaries of other executive branch officials.



Your Committee finds that having a single commission to recommend salary levels for state officials in all three branches of government will promote efficiency, consistency, and fairness for such an important expenditure of state funds.

Your Committee made technical nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Ways and Means that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1917, H.D. 2, S.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1917, H.D. 2, S.D. 2.


Respectfully submitted on  
behalf of the members of the  
Committee on Ways and Means,

  
BRIAN T. TANIGUCHI, Chair



The Senate  
Twenty-Third Legislature  
State of Hawaii

Record of Votes of the  
Committee on Ways and Means  
(Bills and Resolutions)

Measure:*	Committee Referral:	Date:		
HB 1917 HD2 SD1	JHW, WAM	4/3/06		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure. If so, then the previous decision was to: _____				
The Recommendation is to:				
<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	Ayes	Ayes(WR)		
Nays	Excused			
TANIGUCHI, Brian T. (C)	/			
TSUTSUI, Shan S. (VC)	/			
ENGLISH, J. Kalani	/			
ESPERO, Will	/			
FUKUNAGA, Carol	/			
HOOSER, Gary L.	/			
INOUYE, Lorraine R.	/			
KANNO, Brian	/			
KIM, Donna Mercado	/			
KOKUBUN, Russell S.	/			
NISHIHARA, Clarence K.	/			
SAKAMOTO, Norman	/			
HEMMINGS, Fred		/		
SLOM, Sam		/		
TRIMBLE, Gordon			/	
TOTAL	12	0	2	1
Recommendation:				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature:				
				
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