

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

2047

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR - 3 2006

RE: S.B. No. 2021
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 S.B. No. 2021, S.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE EMPLOYER-UNION HEALTH BENEFITS TRUST FUND,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to provide parity to retirees who relocate outside the coverage of the Hawaii employer-union health benefits trust fund.

Specifically, this bill requires the Hawaii employer-union health benefits trust fund to reimburse retirees who have relocated outside the coverage of the fund for costs associated with securing a personal health insurance policy. Reimbursement is limited to the lesser of the actual cost of the policy or the amount of the state or county contribution for the most comparable health benefits plan. Reimbursements are to begin on July 1, 2007 and apply to all retirees regardless of their date of retirement.

Upon further consideration, your Committee has amended this bill by clarifying that the reimbursements apply to all retirees regardless of their date of retirement by specifically including this provision within the text of the new section 87A- , Hawaii Revised Statutes. Your Committee has also made technical nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Ways and Means that is attached to this report, your

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Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2021, S.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2021, 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:
SB 2021 SD1	LBR, WAM	2/28/06
<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.		/
INOUE, Lorraine R.	/	
KANNO, Brian		/
KIM, Donna Mercado	/	
KOKUBUN, Russell S.	/	
NISHIHARA, Clarence K.	/	
SAKAMOTO, Norman	/	
HEMMINGS, Fred		/
SLOM, Sam	/	
TRIMBLE, Gordon	/	
TOTAL	12	0
	0	3
Recommendation:		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted		
Chair's or Designee's Signature:		
		
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