

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

2279

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 17

, 2006

RE: S.B. No. 2272

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

Sir:

Your Committee on Labor, to which was referred S.B. No. 2272
entitled:

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

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to require retired individuals
who receive reimbursements from the Hawaii employer-union health
benefits trust fund (EUTF) for Medicare part B premiums to
designate an institution of their choice for direct deposit of
reimbursements after July 1, 2006.

This measure also amends existing statutory language for
purposes of clarity.

Testimony in support of this measure was submitted by the
Department of Budget and Finance, the Hawaii EUTF, and the Hawaii
State Teachers Association.

Your Committee finds that advancements in technology enable
the EUTF to provide retired employee-beneficiaries and their
spouses with the convenience and benefits of direct electronic
deposit of Medicare part B reimbursements into the retired
employee-beneficiaries' or spouses' bank accounts. Your Committee
further finds that, currently, retired employee-beneficiaries
benefit from the employees' retirement system's similar authority
to pay benefits through direct deposits. Your Committee
determines that requiring direct deposit for the reimbursement of
Medicare part B premiums will result in reduced postage costs,

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reduced cost of handling paper checks, diminished potential for lost or stolen paper checks, and added convenience through the elimination of the physical deposit of paper checks.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Labor that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2272 and recommends that it pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

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




BRIAN KANNO, Chair



The Senate
Twenty-Third Legislature
State of Hawaii

Record of Votes of the
Committee on Labor
(Bills and Resolutions)

Measure:*	Committee Referral:	Date:
SB 2272	LBR, WAM	2-1-06
<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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended (2312) <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments (2311) <input type="checkbox"/> Hold (2310) <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit (2313)		
Members	Ayes	Ayes(WR)
Nays	Excused	
KANNO, Brian (C)	✓	
IHARA, Jr., Les (VC)	✓	
TANIGUCHI, Brian T.		✓
SLOM, Sam	✓	
TOTAL	3	0
0	0	1
Recommendation:		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted		
Chair's or Designee's Signature: 		
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