

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR - 3 2006

RE: S.B. No. 3012  
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 Ways and Means, to which was referred S.B. No. 3012, S.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to allow a member of the Employees' Retirement System who is diagnosed with an incurable debilitating disease to qualify for ordinary disability retirement but continue working until the member is no longer able to do so.

Specifically, the measure:

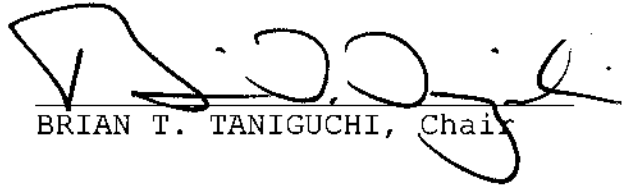
- (1) Requires the Employees' Retirement System's medical board to render a decision on whether the member suffers from an incurable debilitating disease within thirty days of the receipt of the member's application for ordinary disability retirement;
- (2) Requires the Employees' Retirement System board of trustees to render a decision on the member's application for ordinary disability retirement within thirty days of receipt of the medical board's determination of eligibility for ordinary disability retirement; and
- (3) Establishes a definition for the term "incurable debilitating disease."



Your Committee finds that, under existing law, a member of the Employees' Retirement System can only qualify for ordinary disability retirement upon certification by the Employees' Retirement System's medical board that the member is permanently mentally or physically incapacitated and should be retired. However, your Committee further finds that some Employees' Retirement System members suffer from incurable debilitating diseases that have not yet progressed to the point where the members are unable to continue working. The measure would allow an Employees' Retirement System member suffering from an incurable debilitating disease to qualify for ordinary disability retirement but continue working until physically or mentally unable to do so.

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 S.B. No. 3012, S.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

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 3012 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 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	
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	10	1
		1
		3
Recommendation:		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted		
Chair's or Designee's Signature:		
		
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