

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

3597

Honolulu, Hawaii

APR 11 2006

RE: S.R. No. 30
S.D. 1

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

Sir:

Your Committees on Labor and Intergovernmental Affairs, to which was referred S.R. No. 30 entitled:

"SENATE RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR AND INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS TO AUTHORIZE THE STATE FIRE COUNCIL TO EMPLOY AN ADMINISTRATOR AND AN ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT,"

beg leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to request the Department of Labor and Industrial Relations to authorize the State Fire Council to employ an administrator and an administrative assistant.

Testimony in support of this measure was submitted by the State Fire Council, the Honolulu Fire Department, and the Fire Chief of the County of Hawaii Fire Department. Comments on the measure were submitted by the Department of Labor and Industrial Relations.

Your Committees find that the current structure of the State Fire Council often requires its members to take time away from their regular duties with the county fire departments to fulfill the duties of the Council. Your Committees further find that the current law does not authorize the employment of an administrator or other support staff for the Council. As a result, concerns have been raised regarding whether the duties of the Council can be adequately fulfilled without the establishment of additional positions to assist the Council. This measure raises several questions regarding the extent to which full-time, permanent positions are needed to aid the Council, the nature of the status

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of those positions, and the funds necessary to provide for the these positions. Your Committees believe that further examination of the Council, its duties, and requirements are needed to ascertain the proper course of action.

Accordingly, your Committees have amended this measure by:

- (1) Requesting DLIR to study the State Fire Council, including its duties, workload, and resources; and
- (2) Requesting DLIR to submit a report to the Legislature regarding its findings and recommendations, including budget proposals as necessary.

As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committees on Labor and Intergovernmental Affairs that are attached to this report, your Committees concur with the intent and purpose of S.R. No. 30, as amended herein, and recommend its adoption in the form attached hereto as S.R. No. 30, S.D. 1.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committees on Labor and
Intergovernmental Affairs,



DAVID Y. IGE, Chair




BRIAN KANNO, Chair



The Senate
Twenty-Third Legislature
State of Hawaii

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

Measure:* SR 30	Committee Referral: LBR / IGA	Date: 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
KANNO, Brian (C)	✓			
IHARA, Jr., Les (VC)	✓			
TANIGUCHI, Brian T.				✓
SLOM, Sam	✓			
TOTAL	3	0	0	1
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: 				
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*Do not list more than one measure per Record of Votes.