

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: H.B. No. 1568

Honorable Colleen Hanabusa
President of the Senate
Twenty-Fourth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2007
State of Hawaii

Madam:

Your Committee on Judiciary and Labor, to which was referred
H.B. No. 1568 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT MAKING APPROPRIATIONS FOR COLLECTIVE
BARGAINING COST ITEMS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this bill is to fund:

- (1) All collective bargaining salary increases and cost items in the agreement negotiated with the exclusive bargaining representative of collective bargaining unit (5); and
- (2) The salary increases and other cost adjustments authorized by Chapter 89C, Hawaii Revised Statutes, for state officers and employees who are excluded from collective bargaining.


The Hawaii State Teachers Association (HSTA) testified in support of this bill, and the Office of Collective Bargaining supported the intent of this measure.

Although no sums have been appropriated or authorized from the sources of funding indicated in this measure, your Committee believes that a vehicle for funding these collective bargaining cost items, including salary increases and other cost adjustments, should continue to advance in the Legislature as negotiations between the State and the exclusive bargaining representative for unit (5) will eventually produce a settlement.



As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Judiciary and Labor that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1568, 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 Judiciary and
Labor,



CLAYTON HEE, Chair



