

STAND. COM. REP. NO. **1965**

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAY 01 2007

RE: H.C.R. No. 217

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

Madam:

Your Committees on Human Services and Public Housing and Intergovernmental and Military Affairs, to which was referred H.C.R. No. 217 entitled:

"HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION URGING THE PRESIDENT AND THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS TO ENACT LEGISLATION TO INCREASE, FOR SOCIAL SECURITY BENEFICIARIES, THE LEVELS OF PROVISIONAL INCOME, WHICH INCLUDE SOCIAL SECURITY BENEFITS, BY AN AMOUNT EQUAL TO THE FEDERAL COST OF LIVING ALLOWANCE GRANTED TO FEDERAL EMPLOYEES IN HAWAII,"

beg leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to urge the President and the United States Congress to enact legislation to increase, for Social Security beneficiaries, the levels of provisional income, which include Social Security benefits, by an amount equal to the federal cost of living allowance granted to federal employees in Hawaii.

Your Committees received testimony in support of this measure from the Diamond Head/Kapahulu/St. Louis Heights Neighborhood Board No. 5.

Your Committees find that the federal tax on Social Security benefits for retirees living in Hawaii is inequitable because the cost of living in Hawaii is higher than on the United States mainland. The federal government recognizes that Hawaii's cost of living is higher than that of other states due to its provision of a twenty five per cent cost of living allowance to active federal employees. However, no such equitable recognition or provision is

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made for Social Security beneficiaries. To this end, it is the intent of your Committees to support legislation requesting that the levels of provisional income be increased for social security recipients by an amount equal to the federal cost of living allowance granted to federal employees in Hawaii.

As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committees on Human Services and Public Housing and Intergovernmental and Military Affairs that are attached to this report, your Committees concur with the intent and purpose of H.C.R. No. 217, and recommend its adoption.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committees on Human Services
and Public Housing and
Intergovernmental and Military
Affairs,



LORRAINE R. INOUYE, Chair


SUZANNE CHUN OAKLAND, Chair



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CHUN OAKLAND, Suzanne (C)	✓			
IHARA, Jr., Les (VC)	✓			
HOOSER, Gary L.	✓			
SAKAMOTO, Norman				✓
HEMMINGS, Fred				✓
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TSUTSUI, Shan S. (VC)	/									
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