

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

802

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 02 2007

RE: S.B. No. 1428

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

Madam:

Your Committee on Ways and Means, to which was referred S.B. No. 1428 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO VETERANS' SERVICES,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to increase the salary of the Director of the Office of Veterans Services to a maximum of seventy-four per cent of the salary of the Director of Human Resources and Development.

The Department of Defense and the Department of Human Resources and Development submitted comments in support of this measure.

Your Committee finds that Act 226, Session Laws of Hawaii 2005, provided salary increases to those positions that were not previously considered by the Salary Commission, including the Director of the Office of Veterans' Services. The position received a small increase, the first increase in fifteen years.

Your Committee further finds that the Director of the Office of Veterans Services is currently authorized to receive up to sixty-nine per cent of the salary of the Director of the Department of Human Resources Development, a compensation level that is not adequate, in light of the added responsibilities and the increase in veterans due to deployments of the Hawaii National Guard and Hawaii-based Reserves.



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. 1428 and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Ways and Means,

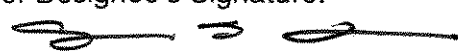


ROSALYN H. BAKER, Chair



The Senate
Twenty-Fourth Legislature
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Record of Votes
Committee on Ways and Means
WAM

Bill / Resolution No.:* SB 1428	Committee Referral: IGM, WAM	Date: 2-22-07		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure. If so, then the previous decision was to: _____				
The Recommendation is: <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	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
BAKER, Rosalyn H. (C)	/			
TSUTSUI, Shan S. (VC)	/			
CHUN OAKLAND, Suzanne	/			
ENGLISH, J. Kalani	/			
FUKUNAGA, Carol	/			
HOOSER, Gary L.	/			
KIM, Donna Mercado				/
MENOR, Ron	/			
TOKUDA, Jill N.	/			
HEMMINGS, Fred				/
WHALEN, Paul	/			
TOTAL	9			2
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: 				
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