

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

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Honolulu, Hawaii

APR 13 2007

RE: S.C.R. No. 178

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.C.R. No. 178 entitled:

"SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE AUDITOR TO  
CONDUCT A STUDY ON THE IMPACT OF VOLUNTARY EMPLOYEES'  
BENEFICIARY ASSOCIATION TRUSTS ON PUBLIC EMPLOYEES AND  
EMPLOYERS AND TO PROVIDE A BASIS FOR THE LEGISLATURE TO  
DECIDE WHETHER TO EXTEND ACT 245, SESSION LAWS OF HAWAII  
2005,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to request the Auditor to  
conduct a comprehensive study on the results and impact of  
Voluntary Employees' Beneficiary Association ("VEBA") Trusts on  
public employees and employers and to provide a basis for the  
Legislature to decide whether to extend Act 245, Session Laws of  
Hawaii 2005.

Your Committee received comments in support of the measure  
from the Department of Budget and Finance and the Hawaii Employer-  
Union Health Benefits Trust Fund.

Your Committee finds that this measure provides a critical  
and missing component of Act 245, Session Laws of Hawaii 2005,  
which established the pilot Voluntary Employees' Beneficiary  
Association Trusts. An evaluation is needed to determine whether  
the pilot project has accomplished what its proponents have  
claimed it has and to determine the cost impact to the Hawaii  
Employer-Union Health Benefits Trust Fund as a whole and not on  
only a select group of plan participants.

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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 concurs with the intent and purpose of S.C.R. No. 178 and recommends its adoption.


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

  
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ROSALYN H. BAKER, Chair



The Senate  
Twenty-Fourth Legislature  
State of Hawaii

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SCR 170	JDL, WAM	4/11/07		
<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 checked="" 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				/
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>5</b>
Recommendation:				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature:				
				
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