

Honolulu, Hawaii

March 20, 2008

RE: S.B. No. 3228

Honorable Calvin K.Y. Say
Speaker, House of Representatives
Twenty-Fourth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2008
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Labor & Public Employment, to which was referred S.B. No. 3228 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO ADJUSTING THE ANNUAL PENSIONS OF RETIRED PATIENT EMPLOYEES AT HANSEN'S DISEASE FACILITIES,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this bill is to provide additional support for retired patient employees and patient laborers of Hansen's disease facilities by raising their pension amounts.

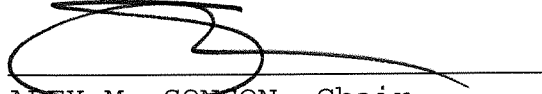
The Department of Health testified in support of this bill.

Retired patient employees of the State's Hansen's disease treatment facilities have provided valuable services to their immediate communities and to the residents of the state. However, these patient employees are not part of the State Employees Retirement System and therefore do not receive the annual cost of living increases received by other state pensioners. These individuals' pension increases need to be accomplished through statutory changes, and the last increase occurred in 1990. Increasing their pensions at this time is an appropriate action.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Labor & Public Employment that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 3228 and recommends that it be referred to the Committee on Finance.



Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Labor & Public
Employment,



ALEX M. SONSON, Chair



State of Hawaii
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HCR 1298-08

Record of Votes of the Committee on Labor & Public Employment

Bill/Resolution No.: SB 3228	Committee Referral: HLT, LAB, FIN	Date: 3/18/08		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.				
The recommendation is to: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended (as is) <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments (HD) <input type="checkbox"/> Hold <input type="checkbox"/> Pass short form bill with HD to recommit for future public hearing (recommit)				
LAB Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. SONSON, Alex M. (C)	✓			
2. NAKASONE, Bob (VC)				✓
3. EVANS, Cindy	✓			
4. HAR, Sharon E.				✓
5. LEE, Marilyn B.	✓			
6. LUKE, Sylvia				✓
7. McKELVEY, Angus L.K.				✓
8. NISHIMOTO, Scott Y.	✓			
9. SOUKI, Joseph M.	✓			
10. TAKAMINE, Dwight Y.	✓			
11. TAKUMI, Roy M.				✓
12. MEYER, Colleen Rose	✓			
13. PINE, Kymberly Marcos				✓
TOTAL (13)	7	0	0	6
The recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted If joint referral, _____ did not support recommendation. committee acronym(s)				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature:				
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