

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

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Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: S.B. No. 2039

S.D. 1

Honorable Colleen Hanabusa
President of the Senate
Twenty-Fourth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2008
State of Hawaii

Madam:

Your Committee on Ways and Means, to which was referred S.B. No. 2039, S.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to provide a one-time lump sum pension bonus to state and county retirees who are at least seventy-five years of age who have been in retirement at least twenty years.

Specifically, this measure provides a one-time lump sum bonus equal to the sum derived by adding up \$1 per month of every year of credited service. Additionally, this measure appropriates funds to the Employees' Retirement System to fund the bonuses.

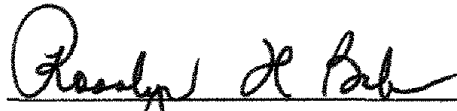
Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Hawaii Government Employees Association, the Hawaii State Teachers Association-Retired, the United Public Workers, and individuals. Comments on the measure were received from the Employees' Retirement System. Testimony in opposition to the measure was received from the Department of Budget and Finance.

Your Committee finds that this measure will provide some financial relief to older retirees, whose pensions have been outpaced by inflation.



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. 2039, S.D. 1, 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



