

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

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Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: S.B. No. 2435

S.D. 2

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

Madam:

Your Committee on Judiciary and Labor, to which was referred
S.B. No. 2435, S.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO QUALIFIED COMMUNITY
REHABILITATION PROGRAMS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to provide an exemption from
civil service for positions or contracts for personal services
with qualified community rehabilitation programs lasting no more
than one year.

The measure also raises the personnel or contract cost
limitation placed on this exemption from \$750,000 to \$1,000,000.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure
from the Department of Human Resources Development. Testimony in
opposition to this measure was submitted by the Hawaii Government
Employees Association.

Your Committee finds that contracting opportunities with
qualified community rehabilitation programs provide much needed
employment opportunities for Hawaii's under employed or unemployed
segment and enable workers with disabilities to become
contributing members of the community.

Your Committee also finds that raising the personnel or
contract cost limitation from \$750,000 to \$1,000,000 would allow



these programs to provide more employment opportunities and keep abreast with inflation.

Your Committee has amended this measure to:

- (1) Restrict the exempted positions to custodial and ground maintenance; and
- (2) Change the effective date to July 1, 2050, to facilitate further discussions.

Your Committee notes that the United Public Workers continue to have concerns with this measure because it may impact them.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Judiciary and Labor that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2435, S.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2435, S.D. 2.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Judiciary and
Labor,



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BRIAN T. TANIGUCHI, Chair



