

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

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Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 29 2008

RE: S.B. No. 3228

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. 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 measure is to adjust pension amounts for retired patient employees of Hansen's disease facilities.

This measure also provides for increase authorized by this measure to be paid to the estates of certain retired patient employees who died after July 1, 2007.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Health and two individuals.

Your Committee finds that the 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 and that an increase in the amount of the annual pensions of these dedicated individuals is appropriate.

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. 3228 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



