

JAN 23 2009

A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO LEGISLATIVE SALARIES.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:

1 SECTION 1. Section 24-1.5, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
2 amended to read as follows:

3 "~~§~~24-1.5~~§~~ Payment of legislative salaries~~[-]~~; waiver.

4 (a) The annual salary of any legislator, as determined pursuant
5 to ~~[Article III,]~~ article XVI, section ~~[9,]~~ 3.5, of the
6 Constitution of the State of Hawaii, shall be paid in equal
7 amounts, beginning with the first pay period for state employees
8 in November of the year the legislator is elected.

9 (b) Any member of the legislature who does not wish to
10 receive an increase in salary, as recommended by the commission
11 on salaries, may waive in writing the amount of the recommended
12 salary increase and continue to receive the legislator's prior
13 salary upon certification of the waiver to the house of
14 representatives or senate, as applicable, as provided by rules
15 adopted by the respective body; provided that:

16 (1) The salary increase waiver shall not prohibit any
17 successor legislator from receiving a salary in the



1 amount most recently recommended by the commission on
2 salaries as provided in section 26-56;

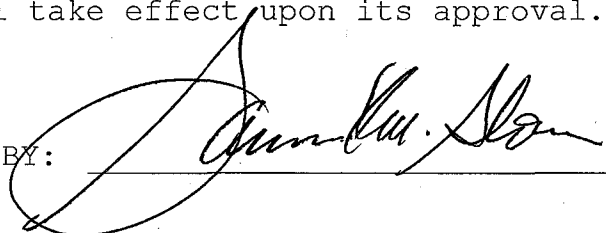
3 (2) A legislator who waives a salary increase may
4 subsequently, in writing, rescind the waiver and elect
5 to receive the salary increase recommended by the
6 commission on salaries; provided that the legislator
7 shall not be entitled to retroactive compensation for
8 the amount of the salary increase that the legislator
9 would have received if the legislator had not waived
10 the salary increase; and

11 (3) Average final compensation shall be calculated by the
12 actual salary received by the legislator for
13 retirement purposes."

14 SECTION 2. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
15 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

16 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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INTRODUCED BY:



Report Title:

Legislative Salaries; Waivers

Description:

Allows a legislator to waive a salary increase recommended by the commission on salaries pursuant to rules adopted by each legislative body.

