

Honolulu, Hawaii

Feb 17, 2012

RE: H.B. No. 1884
H.D. 1

Honorable Calvin K.Y. Say
Speaker, House of Representatives
Twenty-Sixth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2012
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Labor & Public Employment, to which was referred H.B. No. 1884, H.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC HOUSING,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to require the Hawaii Public Housing Authority to:

- (1) Conduct a study on the wages and compensation of other public housing authorities in the United States that are comparable in size to the Hawaii Public Housing Authority and comparable in their scope of duties and responsibilities to the Hawaii Public Housing Authority executive director; and
- (2) Submit a report to the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development on the wages and compensation of each of the five highest paid public housing authority executive directors of other comparable states or jurisdictions.

The Hawaii Public Housing Authority of the Department of Human Services provided comments on this measure.



As originally drafted, the purpose of this measure was to authorize the Hawaii Public Housing Authority Board of Directors to determine the salary of the Executive Director of the Hawaii Public Housing Authority, with the following considerations: compensation provided to public housing authority executive directors with comparable duties and responsibilities, comparable state and local officials, and comparable private sector executives. According to the Hawaii Public Housing Authority, under a notice from the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development, the Hawaii Public Housing Authority Board of Directors is required to "explicitly consider comparability in setting or making significant changes to the compensation of Public Housing Authority executive directors or other chief executive officers." However, current statutory requirements establishes the salary of the Executive Director of the Hawaii Public Housing Authority at a level that is equivalent to eighty-five percent of the salary of the Director of Human Resources Development. This does not meet the requirement of the notice from the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development. Should the Hawaii Public Housing Authority fail to provide the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development, upon its request, with specific information used to conduct a comparability analysis in determining the Executive Director's compensation the Hawaii Public Housing Authority may face temporary monetary sanctions from the federal government.

While your Committee understands the grave concerns regarding the current language in this measure voiced by the Hawaii Public Housing Authority and the request that the original language of this measure be reinserted, your Committee has not received prior concurrence from the Committee on Housing to amend the bill in such a manner. However, your Committee would like to continue discussions on this measure in the hopes that this matter may be addressed by the Committee on Finance.

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 H.B. No. 1884, H.D. 1, 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,



KARL RHOADS, Chair



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House of Representatives
The Twenty-sixth Legislature

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Record of Votes of the Committee on Labor & Public Employment

Bill/Resolution No.: HB 1884 HD1	Committee Referral: HSG, LAB, FIN	Date: 2-14-12		
<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. RHOADS, Karl (C)	/			
2. YAMASHITA, Kyle T. (VC)	/			
3. AQUINO, Henry J.C.	/			
4. CULLEN, Ty	/			
5. ICHIYAMA, Linda	/			
6. LEE, Marilyn B.				/
7. LUKE, Sylvia	/			
8. OKAMURA, Tom				
9. SAIKI, Scott K.			/	
10. SOUKI, Joseph M.	/			
11. TAKUMI, Roy M.				/
12. FONTAINE, George R.		/		
13. JOHANSON, Aaron Ling		/		
TOTAL (13)	7	2	1	2
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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