

Honolulu, Hawaii

April 5, 2012

RE: S.B. No. 2214
S.D. 2
H.D. 2

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

Sir:

Your Committee on Finance, to which was referred S.B. No. 2214, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO COLLECTIVE BARGAINING,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to promote meaningful discussion during the negotiation process relating to employer contributions to the Hawaii Employer-Union Health Benefits Trust Fund. Among other things, this measure:

- (1) Clarifies the requirement that a public employer and an exclusive representative shall negotiate the state and county contribution amounts to the Hawaii Employer-Union Health Benefits Trust Fund for health benefit plans and group life insurance benefits for active employees by clarifying statutory language and repealing obsolete provisions;
- (2) Repeals the prohibition against using arbitration to resolve impasses or disputes relating to state and county Hawaii Employer-Union Health Benefits Trust Fund contributions;
- (3) Authorizes the arbitration panel to make a final and binding decision on Hawaii Employer-Union Health Benefits Trust Fund contributions;



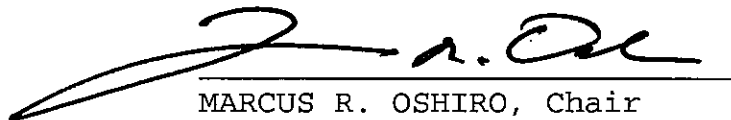
- (4) Repeals the legislative relief option to determine public sector health benefits contributions when an impasse exists regarding the negotiation of state cost issues; and
- (5) Repeals the prohibition against striking over the issue of public sector health benefits contributions.

The Hawaii Government Employees Association, AFSCME Local 152, AFL-CIO and University of Hawaii Professional Assembly testified in support of this measure. The Departments of Budget and Fiscal Services and Human Resources of the City and County of Honolulu testified in opposition to this measure. The Department of Budget and Finance provided comments.

Your Committee has amended this measure by changing the effective date to July 1, 2030, to promote further discussion.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2214, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2214, S.D. 2, H.D. 2.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Finance,


MARCUS R. OSHIRO, Chair



State of Hawaii
House of Representatives
The Twenty-sixth Legislature

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Record of Votes of the Committee on Finance

Bill/Resolution No.: SB 2214 SD2 HD1	Committee Referral: LAB, FIN	Date: 3/30/12		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.				
The recommendation is to: <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended (as is) <input checked="" 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)				
FIN Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. OSHIRO, Marcus R. (C)	✓			
2. LEE, Marilyn B. (VC)	✓			
3. CHOY, Isaac W.	✓			
4. CULLEN, Ty	✓			
5. GIUGNI, Heather				✓
6. HAR, Sharon E.	✓			
7. HASHEM, Mark J.	✓			
8. ICHIYAMA, Linda	✓			
9. JORDAN, Jo	✓			
10. KAWAKAMI, Derek S.K.				✓
11. LEE, Chris	✓			
12. MORIKAWA, Dee	✓			
13. TOKIOKA, James Kunane	✓			
14. YAMASHITA, Kyle T.	✓			
15. MARUMOTO, Barbara C.	✓			
16. RIVIERE, Gil	✓			
17. WARD, Gene	✓			
TOTAL (17)	15	0	0	2
The recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted If joint referral, _____ did not support recommendation. <div style="text-align: center; font-size: 10pt;">committee acronym(s)</div>				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature: _____ <i>Marilyn B. Lee</i> _____				
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