

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

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Honolulu, Hawaii

February 15, 2013

RE: H.B. No. 51

Honorable Joseph M. Souki
Speaker, House of Representatives
Twenty-Seventh State Legislature
Regular Session of 2013
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Finance, to which was referred H.B. No. 51
entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO STATE BONDS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Authorize the issuance of general obligation bonds to finance project appropriations contained in Acts of the Legislature for which the means of funding are designated as general obligation bond funds or reimbursable general obligation bond funds; and
- (2) Make a declaration of findings regarding the authorizations as required by the Constitution of the State of Hawaii.

The Department of Budget and Finance testified in support of this measure.

Article VII, section 13, of the Constitution of the State of Hawaii requires the Legislature to include a declaration of findings in every general law authorizing the issuance of general obligation bonds, which shall declare that the issuance of state bonds authorized will not cause the debt limit to be exceeded at the time of issuance.



Your Committee finds that the total amount of principal and interest estimated for the general obligation bonds authorized under this measure, and for all bonds authorized and unissued and calculated for all bonds issued and outstanding, will not cause the debt limit of the State to be exceeded at the time of issuance.

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 H.B. No. 51 and recommends that it pass Second Reading and be placed on the calendar for Third Reading.

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



SYLVIA LUKE, Chair



