

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: H.B. No. 1635
S.D. 1

Honorable Donna Mercado Kim
President of the Senate
Twenty-Seventh State Legislature
Regular Session of 2014
State of Hawaii

Madam:

Your Committee on Ways and Means, to which was referred H.B. No. 1635 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE JUDICIARY,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to provide salary parity for the Administrative and Deputy Administrative Director of the Courts with their executive branch counterparts.

Specifically, the measure requires that:

- (1) The salary of the Administrative Director of the Courts be equal to the salary of the Administrative Director of the State; and
- (2) The salary of the Deputy Administrative Director of the Courts be equal to ninety-five per cent of the salary of the Administrative Director of the Courts.

Your Committee received written comments in support of this measure from the Judiciary.

Your Committee finds that in 2006, voters passed a constitutional amendment that provided for a mechanism to set the salaries of justices and judges, legislators, the governor and lieutenant governor, as well as those of the department heads or executive officers and the deputies or assistants of the executive branch. However, the amendment did not provide for a mechanism to




establish the Judiciary's Administrative Director and Deputy Administrative Director of the Court's salaries. Your Committee believes that this measure will provide the appropriate mechanism to establish the salary of the Administrative Director and the Deputy Administrative Director of the Courts and conform their salaries to comparable positions within the executive branch.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing the relative amount of the Deputy Administrative Director's salary from ninety-five per cent to an unspecified percentage of the Administrative Director of the Court's salary; and
- (2) Changing the effective date to July 1, 2050, to facilitate further discussion on the measure.

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 H.B. No. 1635, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1635, S.D. 1.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Ways and Means,



DAVID Y. ICE, Chair



The Senate
 Twenty-Seventh Legislature
 State of Hawai'i

Record of Votes
Committee on Ways and Means
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Bill / Resolution No.:* HB 1635	Committee Referral: JDL, WAM	Date: 3-25-14		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure. If so, then the previous decision was to: _____				
The Recommendation is: <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311 <input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310 <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
IGE, David Y. (C)	✓			
KIDANI, Michelle N. (VC)	✓			
CHUN OAKLAND, Suzanne	✓			
DELA CRUZ, Donovan M.	✓			
ENGLISH, J. Kalani	✓			
ESPERO, Will	✓			
KAHELE, Gilbert				✓
KEITH-AGARAN, Gilbert S.C.	✓			
KOUCHI, Ronald D.				✓
RUDERMAN, Russell E.	✓			
THIELEN, Laura H.	✓			
TOKUDA, Jill N.	✓			
SLOM, Sam	✓			
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Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: <i>Michelle N. Kidani</i>				
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