

Honolulu, Hawaii

February 11, 2016

RE: H.B. No. 2247

Honorable Joseph M. Souki
Speaker, House of Representatives
Twenty-Eighth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2016
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Judiciary, to which was referred H.B. No. 2247 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO GOVERNMENTAL TRAVEL,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to require the State and counties to pay the approved travel costs incurred by their officers and employees for official state or county business, either directly to the vendor or by cash advance to the officer or employee, unless otherwise provided by a collective bargaining agreement.

The Hawaii Government Employees Association testified in support of this measure.

Your Committee is addressing the problem faced by many public employees when they are required to pay for official business out of their own funds and wait to be reimbursed. While waiting to be reimbursed, government employees face financial difficulties.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Judiciary that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2247 and recommends that it pass Second Reading and be referred to your Committee on Finance.



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



KARL RHOADS, Chair



